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Church Register

1929 to 1956

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We issue a neatly printed LETTER OF DISMISSION, in the usual form, to be used by Church Clerks in dismissing and recommending members to other churches. Each letter is accompanied by a notice of reception, to be returned by the church to which it is addressed. Spaces are left in which to write the names of the churches and the dates and signatures of clerks. These are bound in books of twenty-five and fifty each, with stubs which preserve the record of the letters granted and of the return notices received. Being arranged with perforations, the letters may easily be detached for use.

FOR 400 CHURCH MEMBERS

THE PILGRIM

CHURCH REGISTER

Book IV

1929-1956

WITH AN INTRODUCTION

EXPLAINING ITS USE TO PASTORS AND CHURCH CLERKS; CONTAINING ALSO SUGGESTIONS AS TO A PRACTICAL WAY OF KEEPING A PARISH REGISTER, WITH HINTS AND FORMS FOR RECORDING THE TRANSACTIONS OF A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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PREFACE

To the Combined Register and Record.

THIS book is intended to furnish to the churches of our order the forms for a complete and condensed Register and Record. It has a place for all that is essential and for more than is usually recorded by the clerks of our churches. It is based on the experience of a pastor of systematic habits who has had to do with model church clerks. It is simpler than other books made for the same purpose and lower in price. This last is especially true of the edition intended for the newer and smaller churches.

A place is prepared for the register of Pastors, Deacons, other officers, Delegates appointed by the church, Baptisms, Members Received, Members Removed, Marriages, Benevolences and Expenses, an Annual Summary of the figures furnished for the Year-Book, and a page for the statistics of the Sunday-school. To this there are added in the smaller edition pages for records of organization and church meetings, and in the larger, where a separate book for records is desirable (which is published under the name of "The Pilgrim Church Record"), an alphabetical index. This, it is believed, comprises all which any church really needs to keep a complete account of its transactions and condition.

In the register of Members Received the numbers in the left-hand column should be consecutive, the names being recorded according to the date of reception. This same number should be repeated wherever the name of the person to whom it refers is used in the lists of officers or members.

In the page of Benevolences our eight denominational societies are named in the order in which they appear in the Year-Book. Other objects may be written in. Each perpendicular column stands for one year; the totals may thus be easily added. The amounts given to each object should include all money which has gone to it through the church treasurer, the Sunday-school, and any of the organized missionary societies of the church.

The suggestions following are commended to the attention of Clerks and Pastors.

TO CHURCH CLERKS.

Suggestions as to the Records of a Church.

As it is frequently the case that the duties of Church Clerk are laid upon those who have had no experience in such work, it has been thought wise to give a few practical suggestions and forms for recording the ordinary business of a church.

In the matter of organization it is of importance and of increasing interest as the years pass by, to have a full and exact history recorded of the beginnings of a Christian church.

If it has not been done at the time, let each Church Clerk procure the facts in regard to the first steps which led to the organization, and the first preliminary meeting, with the names of those present. If the Sunday-school was at the foundation of the church, write an account of that, by whom gathered, the numbers at the beginning, etc. Be sure and record the vote by which the organization was determined. Record in full the Constitution and Articles of Faith and Covenant adopted; and, if the church is legally incorporated, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Only *records of church meetings* should be entered in this book. If the church committee keep records of their doings, it should be in a separate book and not among the records of the church.

What to enter in the records.—It is not necessary nor usually advisable to record discussions or the names of those taking part in them, or the movers of resolutions. The records are of the things which have been resolved and voted by the church, and should be confined strictly to these.

The important things to be entered are:—1. The time and place of meeting. 2. The devotional services with which the meeting is opened. 3. The name of the moderator. 4. The reading of records of past meetings and their approval by the church. 5. The reports of committees accepted and by vote placed on file (not to be copied into the minutes but referred to.) 6. The recommendations of committees adopted, or the resolutions or motions passed by vote of the church. 7. The adjournment. 8. The signature of the Clerk.

The records of *the Annual Meeting* should be made with especial care. The fact that the notice was given as required by the Constitution of the church should be stated, and the reports received, elections of officers, and votes of the meeting should be carefully recorded. It is not necessary nor wise to enter in the records the names of those who receive votes but are not elected, nor the number of votes cast for or against any officer who is elected. The fact of the election and the mode, as by ballot or acclamation, are enough.

In *meetings relating to the call of a pastor,* it is customary to record the votes more fully; to spread upon the records the letter extending the call to him, and his answer thereto, and the appointment of the committee to arrange for a council, if one is held, and the reference of this action to the society for their concurrence, if that is a necessary part of the action.

The following forms for recording the ordinary transactions of a church meeting are given, not as the only right way, but as a simple and correct mode of expressing the facts:—

Time, Place, etc.

A meeting of the Church was held at [place, month, day, year, hour, P. M. or A. M.], [the Pastor, Deacon ——, or Bro. ——] in the chair. Prayer was offered by [——]

The Records of the last [or——number of previous meetings] were read and approved.

Reports of Committees.

The Committee on——reported in writing and their report was accepted and ordered on file; [or] reported verbally and their report was accepted and the following recommendation adopted:—[here quote exactly the recommendation thus adopted].

Votes and Resolutions.

It was Voted that [here record the question exactly as put by the moderator]; or, *It was Resolved* that:— [here copy the resolution, which should always be presented in writing by the mover].

Reception to Membership.

The Church Committee reported that the following persons had presented letters of dismission and recommendation to this church, namely:—

Mr.—— —— and Mrs.—— ——, his wife, from the ——Church of——; also, Miss . .——from the —— Church of——. The Committee recommend that they be received to its membership, on entering into convenant with the Church. Also, that—— ——and —— —— be received upon confession of their faith and entering into covenant. The recommendation was adopted.*

Church Discipline

Mr.—— ——, having absented himself from the meetings of this church for —— years, and refusing to recognize his convenant obligations to it after faithful effort on the part of the Church; [or] havbeen absent from this place for —— years and the Church being unable to ascertain his address or to communicate with him; [or] having become a persistent violater of the —— Commandment and refusing to amend his life [or any other careful statement of the facts of the case], is hereby declared to be no longer in the communion of this Church.

Adjourned.

(Signed.)

—— ——[Clerk.]

*The record may be completed by a note signed by the Clerk, as follows;—[Note.] The above persons were thus publicly received on Sunday [month, day].

[Forms for letters Missive for organizations, for ordination or installation, for certificates of licensure and ordination, for letters of dismission, etc., can be found in The Pilgrim Pastor's Manual and in Dexter's Handbook. Those in most common use are also printed on heavy paper, full letter size, with blanks for filling in names and dates, by the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, at 5 cents each, 12 copies for 25 cents, postpaid]

TO PASTORS.

While a register is indispensable to a Church Clerk, it is a great convenience and aid to the Pastor to keep a similar book for himself, for his present use and for his permanent possession. It will often prove a help in securing accuracy on the part of the Clerk, by at least annual comparison when the report is made for the state minutes.

A suggestion is also offered, which has been found of practical advantage by the writer, as to the best way, especially in a large church, of keeping an accurate PARISH REGISTER, or list of families. This is by the use of the card catalogue system which is employed in all our large libraries. In a changing parish an alphabetical list of families and their members, in a book, soon becomes involved in confusion. What with erasures and insertions the original order and connection cannot be maintained. The following plan works admirably:—

Buy or make blank cards or slips of stiff paper of the size of a postal-card. Get enough, slightly tinted, to furnish one for each family in the congregation as it is when you assume its pastorate. Write plainly or print the family name at the top, below that the other names of the father and mother; under them, indented, the name of each of the children, separating those above fourteen and those under that age by a line. Still below, place the names of any other members of the family. After the name, if a member of the church, put the number which stands against that name in your church register. Indicate other relations to the church by letters. B, means baptized; S, member of the Sunday-school; T, teacher, etc. Keep these cards in alphabetical order.

For those who come into your congregation after the beginning of your pastorate, supply white cards, and record the relation to the church in the same way. On either set of cards enter in red ink the fact of baptism or church membership if under your ministry. You will thus have a complete record, and always in alphabetical order.

When a family removes, of which some member is still connected with your church, take the card from its place among the resident families and put it in order in a separate place, and when the entire family has both removed and become entirely disconnected with the church, in a third place. It is easy to arrange a box or a partition in a drawer of your study table with two movable partitions to divide these three classes. If you are to call on any families and desire to be sure of remembering the names of all their members, you can take the cards and carry them with you while you are making your afternoon or evening round.

A sample is given here:—

Brown.		
Paul K.,	t. 240	fr. 1st Ch., Chicago.
Mary F.,	241	fr. " " "
Mathew,	242	Conf. Died Jan., '21.
Mark,	t. 410	Conf.
Mary,	s.	
Martha,	s.	
Luke,	s. b. Apr., '18.	
John,	b. June, '21.	

Mrs. Jane Jones (mother of 241) 243 fr. 3d Ch., Boston.

Calls for each year may be recorded on the back of the card. Final removal may be indicated by a diagonal red line and the date.

OTHER OFFICERS.

Church Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday-School Superintendent, etc.

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATES OF SERVICE		OFFICE HELD
		BEGAN	ENDED	

DELEGATES.

DATE	NAME IN FULL	To what Council, Conference, or Other Meeting.
1930		
April 29	Mr & Mrs E H Montague	Conference of Churches at Hatfield
	Mr & Mrs J R Clapp	" " "
May 19, 20, 21	Mrs H M Clapp	State Conference of Churches at Springfield
1933		
April 24	Mr & Mrs W M Fiske	Conference of Churches at Hadley
May 17	Mr & Mrs E A Montague	State Conference of Churches at North Adams
Oct 22	Mr & Mrs M M Clapp	Hampshire County Council Conference of Churches & Ministers at Williamsburg
	Mr & Mrs C R Burt	
1934	E H Montague	
May 20	John Hathaway	State Convention of Cong'l Churches
	Mr & Mrs John Norris	Hampshire Soc. of Churches
	Mr & Mrs F W Blakesley	at Granby
	Mr & Mrs W M Fiske	Hampshire County Assoc. of
	Mr & Mrs M H Parsons	Churches and Ministers at Southampton
1935		
Feb. 21,	Philip J Clapp	Installation of Rev Ray Gibbons Pastor of First Church, Northampton
April 30	Mr & Mrs Chas Norris	
	Mr & Mrs J R Clapp	Conferences of Churches at Amherst
	Mr & Mrs E A Montague	
	Mr & Mrs W M Fiske	
1937		
Jan 13	Charles R Burt	Installation of J H Towle at Southampton
	P J Clapp	Installation of Pastor at Amherst
1938		
April 24	Mr & Mrs Irving Clapp	Annual meeting of Hampshire
	Mr & Mrs W M Fiske	Association of Cong'l Churches & Ministers at Belchertown
May 15	Mrs Julia Montague	Annual Cong'l Conference at
	Mrs Irving Clapp	Wedham
Sept 18	W S Bridgman	Conference of Churches at
	E H Montague	Plainfield

DELEGATES.

DATE	NAME IN FULL	To what Council, Conference, or Other Meeting.
1939		
Jan 9	Henry P Bridgman	Service of Recognition for Pastor at Belchertown
Apr 26	Mrs H M Clapp	Annual Meeting of Hampshire Assoc South Hadley Falls
May 12	Mr + Mrs C M Norris	State Convention at Northampton
Nov 16	Mr D S Bridgman	Service for Pastor at Edwards Church Northampton
Nov 21	Charles R Burt	Service of Recognition for Felix A Manley South Hadley Falls
1954		
Feb. 7	Roger Clapp.	Installation, Pastor at So. Hadley.
Apr. 25	Mr. + Mrs Robert Norris Mr + Mrs. Francis Ford	Hampshire Association Spring Meeting at Leverett.
May 23	Fred E. Challet.	Installation, Pastor at No. Amherst.
Oct. 3	Frank Blakeslee	Installation, Pastor First Church, Amherst.
Oct. 3	Lucy Inman Henry Parsons Mr. + Mrs Richard Tracy	Hampshire Association Fall Meeting at Leverett Amherst.
Oct. 31	John Hathaway	Installation, Pastor at Williamsburg.
Oct. 31	Lucy Inman	Ordination + Installation Pastor at Hadley.
Oct. 31	Ernest Melisle	Ordination Asst. Pastor at First Church, Amherst.
1955		
Jan. 30	Charles R Burt.	First Church Northampton to discuss gambling + race tracks.
Jan. 23	Frank Blakeslee	Installation Pastor at Edwards Church, Northampton.
May 8	Mr. + Mrs. M. M. Clapp Sr. " Henry M. Parsons " Elgie Challet	Discussion re Merger with the E. + R. Church by National Leaders Pro + Con. First Church of Christ, Northampton.

DELEGATES.

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May 16 16	Mr. & Mrs. Chas Morris	Mass. Congo. Conference. Fitchburg May. 16-18
May 16	Mr & Mrs. P. H. Tracy Dorothy Loud Lucy Inman	Northampton Council of Churches. held in Edwards Church, Northampton.
Sept. 25	Dorothy Loud Philip Clapp. Sidney Montague Richard Tracy	Delegates to Northampton Council of Churches for Year Sept. 1-1955 to Sept. 1, 1956
Sept. 25	Ann Tracy Eugene Lemery	Delegates to Youth Council Group of Council of Churches.
Oct. 9	Mr & Mrs Richard Tracy Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Mascho	Delegates to Fall Association Meeting held in Cummington.
Nov. 13	Mr. Charles R. Burt Mrs. Charles R. Burt	Represented church in absence of Pastor ~~to~~ at Hatfield Examination of Mr. David R. Crownfield of Delegate to Ecclesiastical Council for examination of Mr. David R. Crownfield of Hatfield prior to ordination.
Nov. 27	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Delisle	Ordination of Mr. David R. Crownfield of Hatfield.

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1956 Feb 7-8-9	Henry Parsons Frank Hathaway Edward Montague	Laymen's Meeting at Congregational Conference Center in Framingham, Mass.
Oct. 29	Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Flint	Installation of Rev Kenneth R. Leed as pastor of East Longmeadow Cong. Church.
June 3	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Montague Mr. & Mrs. John Hathaway	Delegates to Northampton Council of Churches for year 1956-1957 to June 1st.
Year 1956-57	Richard Tracy Jr. Charles Inman	Delegates to Youth Council of the same body. Year 1956-1957 to June 1st.
Sept. 16	Mrs. Frank Hathaway	Installation of Rev. Wadleigh at Easthampton Congo. Church.
	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Harter Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wood	Hampshire Fall Assoc. Meeting Oct 7th held in Florence Congo. Church.
1956 H.S. Committee	Mr. & Mrs. James Hickey Mr. & Mrs. Philip Clapp. Mr. & Mrs. Roger Clapp Mr. & Mrs. Merry Clapp. Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wood.	Harvest Supper Committee to serve at Annual Supper to be held during October 1956.

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No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BAPTISM	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.
			1929	
	Mr George Orner		Sept 1	Adult.
	Mr John Orner		" "	Adult.
	Jessie Jane Snow		June 9	Edith & Lyman
	Freeman M Scott		"	Maurice & Flora
	Leaf Marion Shintcliffe			Ruby & Donald
	Dora Phelps Challet		1930 June 8	Fred & Elgie
	Dorothy May Moore	Twins	"	Helen & Herman
	William Irving Moore		"	" "
	Mary Elizabeth Sabin		"	Doris & Le Roy
	Charlotte Louise Parsons		"	Louise & Henry
	Carol Roena Witherell		1931 June 14	Pearl & Ernest
	Elinor Gertrude Heath		" "	Lila & Lloyd
	Sidney Arthur Montague		" "	Sadie & Edward
	Stanley Mitchell Deed		1932 June 12	Olive & Kenneth
	Gladys Muriel Shaw		" "	Lena & Leslie
	Marline Elizabeth Shintcliff		" "	Ruby & Donald
	Robert Gordon Blakesley		1933 July 23	Elizabeth & Robert
	Elizabeth Asenath Norris		Sept 17	Louise & Charles
	Grace Ewing Sabin		June 11	Doris & Le Roy
	Alice Lila Heath		" "	Lila & Lloyd
	Kenneth William Myrick		1934 June 10	Harold & Rose
	Reta May Witherell		" "	Arthur & Elsie
	Bruce Steven Deed		" "	Kenneth & Olive
	Florence Virginia [illegible]		19[illegible] April 21	Adult
	Richard Maclain Shaw		June [illegible]	Lena & Leslie

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	John ~~Stanley~~ Sandy Parsons		June 7	Louis and Henry
	Ruth Ethel Montague		June 7	Sadie and Edward
	Rachel Watts		Sept 1	Adult
	Pauline Church		Sept 1	Adult
	Gale Nettie Witherell	1936	June 21	Laura and Walter
	Albert Henry Laprance		June 21	Helen
	Fidelia Kingsley		July 6	Adult
	Ella Stickney		Sept 6	Adult
	June Seymour		Sept 6	Adult
	Winifred Seymour		Sept 6	Adult
	Sherley Church		Sept 6	Adult
	Charles Woodard		Sept 6	Adult
	Grant Bridgman		Sept 6	Adult
	Ann Louise Tracy	1937	June 13	Evelyn & Richard
	Sara Ethel Burt		"	Beatrice & George
	Marjorie Payson		Mar 28	Adult
	William Wilson Sarafin		April 29	Amelia & Joseph
	Joan May Lyman		June 13	Bertha & Leroy
	Russell Donald Shirtcliff		"	Ruby & Donald
	Clarence Diamond Welisle		"	Irene & Clarence
	Dorothy May Welisle	1938	July 19	Ernest & Rachel
	Clifford Harry Fisher		"	Clifford & Pauline
	Eva May Fisher		"	" " "
	Frank Raymond Fisher		"	Ida & Raymond
	Karen Kay Orner		Sept 4	Phylis & Frederick

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			1939	
	Richard William Tracy		June 11	Evelyn + Richard
	Richard Arlington Myrick		"	Rose + Harold
	Barbara ~~Jane~~ Jean Welisle		"	Rachel + Ernest
	Harland Eugene Lemery		"	Marion + Harland
	Elizabeth Judd Clapp	Dec. 27, 38	"	Ella + Irving
	Alice Blakesley		"	Adult
	Muriel Fiske		"	Adult
			1940	
	Christine Ann Clapp	Jan. 28, '40	June 10	Ella + Irving
	Ann Ida Fisher		" "	Ida + Raymond
			1941	
	Raymond Chester Williams		June 15	+ Raymond
	Carol Ann Williams		June 15	+ Raymond
	Jeanette Gaynel Williams		June 15	+ Raymond
	Donald Stuart Williams		June 15	+ Raymond
	Herbert Franklin Williams		June 15	Marion + Howard
	Howard Charles Williams		June 15	Marion + Howard
	Jeanne Ellen Blakesley		June 15	+ Elliot
	Jeanette Avis Fisher		June 15	Pauline + Clifford
	Norma Lee Fisher		June 15	Pauline + Clifford
	Betty Anne Hunt		June 15	Anna + Edmond
	Rosvald George Witherell		June 15	Zana + Walter
			1942	
	Malcolm Strong Harlow		June 21	Elizabeth + Malcolm
	Ernest Ralph Harlow		June 21	Elizabeth + Malcolm
	Ruth Ann Myrick		June 21	Rose + Harold
	Marion Ida Payson		June 21	Evelyn + Ralph
	James Garey Hickey		Nov 10	Christian + James
	Carolyn Paige Jenkins		Apr 12	Jane + Paul
	Donna Lea Hunt		Apr 12	Elizabeth + Harold

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No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF 1944 BIRTH	DATE OF 1944 BAPTISM	FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.
	William Tomlinson Hunt III		May 28	Grace + William
	George Curtis Searle Jr		June 11	Marie + George
	Russell Henry Payson		"	Evelyn + Ralph
	Kenneth Allan Strong		"	Edith + Allan
	Ester Marie Fisher		"	Pauline + Clifford
	Jaine Carol Fisher		"	" "
	Stephen Elliot Blakeslee		June 25	Rachel + Elliot
	Susan Elizabeth Buley		Oct 1	Arlene + Wallace
	Martha Dickinson Burt		"	Sara + Charles
	Floena Elizabeth Cayo		"	Marion + Alfred
	Earl Richard Gett		"	Helen + Earl
	Margaret Ethel Gett		"	" "
	Charles Howard Loud	Northampton Nov. 6, 1943	"	Dorothy + Howard
	Cynthia May Loud	Northampton Nov. 6, 1943	"	" "
	Lucinda Ball Lyman		"	Hazel + Donald
	Carol Ann Marcoux		"	Marion + Donald
	Erwin Albert Smith		"	Lillian + Wilcott
	Ernest Theodore Strong	Feb 24/45	1945 June 17	edith + allan
	Joanne Ella Clapp	Jan 25/45	" "	Ella + Irving
	Baty Ormsby		" "	adult
	Lucretia Searle		" "	adult
	Ann E Cranson		" "	adult
	Margaret Lora Ewing	Oct 21/41	" "	Lora + Clifton
	Peter Clifton Ewing	June 26/43	" "	" "
	Heidi Ann Ewing	June 26/45	" "	" "
	David M Blakeslee	Sept 23/45 →		Rachel + Elliot

1935 – 46 Rev Beardsley here & then in service Rev McClurkin interim filled in

+ Baptised by Rev. Paul McClurkin during Ch. Sch. session summer of 1946.

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	Carolyn Marie Durisko	Max 23 '46 x		Thomas + Myrtle S.
	Priscilla Alden Tracy	July 7/45	Nov 18	Evelyn + Richard
	Nelson Lee Haeseler	Feb 5/45	" "	Jean + Leighton
	Patricia Elaine Roberts	Sept 22/45	" "	Grace + Emery
	Craig Ives Judd	July 3/45	" "	Barbara + Webster
	Peter John Marcoux	May 7/45	" "	Marion + Donald
	Robert George Hunt	Nov. 5, 45	1946 Jan 20	Grace + William
	Alan Worthington Fuller	Sept. 20, '45	June 9	Marilyn + Percy
	Joseph Brooks Damon	April '46	June 16	Mary + Carl
	William George Gett	Apr. 17, '46	" "	Helen + Earl
	Richard Clapp Lyman	Feb. 3, '46	" "	Hazel + Donald
	Eileen Martha Norris	May 18, '46	" "	Jean + Philip
	Keith Scott Orner	New Haven Conn May 21, 1946	Nov 10.	Frederick + Phylis
	Nancy Mae Omasta	Sept 1, 46	1947 March 9	Lydia S + Paul Jr
	Sandra Mae Montague	July 21, 46	"	Marion E + Frank B
	Betty Ann Fisher	Apr 7, 46	"	Clifford H + Pauline A
	Neil Wolcott Smith	Nov 25, 46	"	Wolcott M + Lillian E
	Gale Patricia Miller	July 12, 39	"	James H + Eleanor B
	Frank Dunton Miller	Jan 26, 41	"	" "
	Robert Edward Miller	Aug 23, 43	"	" "
	Jean Hazel (Warner) Norris		March 16	Adult
	Marion Edith (Warner) Montague		"	"
	James Hervey Miller		"	"
	Henry Moore Parsons	June 22 '47	Sept. 7	Marion + Bertha
	Patricia Ann Vacula	May 18 '47	Sept 7	Thomas + Mary
	Ruth Ellen Delisle	April 19 '47	Sept 7	Clarence + Irene

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	Cheryl Marion Fuller	Mar 2 '47	Sept 28	Percy & Marilyn
	Arthur Edward Clapp	April 6 '47	Sept 28	Murray & Alice
	Joan Carol Bridgman	1948 ~~Sept 24 49~~	June 13	Barbra & Francis
	Robert Murray Clapp	May 15 '48	"	Alice & Murray
	Paul Arthur Fischer	June 20 '47	"	Pauline & Clifford
	Thomas Reed Hathaway	May 13 '48	"	Olga & Frank
	Lois Ann Hover	Dec 15 '47	"	Ruth & Ellis
	Gwin Mary Osborne	Nov 19 '47	"	Lucile & Kenneth
	Larry A Wood	1949 March 23 '45	June 12	Margaret & Harold
	Peter Edward Montague	May 19 '49	" "	Marion & Frank
	John Irving Clapp	Nov. 17, '48	" "	Ella & Irving
	Daniel B King. Jr	Aug 10 '48	" "	Jessie & Daniel
	Rose Ethel Fisher	Aug 16 '48	" "	Pauline & Clifford
	Nancy Lee Clapp	March 21 '48	" "	Frances & David
	Ernest George Damon	Oct 4 '48	" "	Mary & Carl
	Audrey Damon		Jan 2	Adult
	Lorraine Warren		" "	Adult
	Beverly Jane Gauthier	May 18 '43	Aug 6	Gladys & Raymond
	Donna Lee Witherell	July 21 '49	Aug 7	Gene & Walter
	Manola Blakesley		Apr 14	Adult
	Lynette Mina Williams	1950 Bristol, Conn. Mar. 9, 1950	June 11	Caroline, Donald
	Thomas Edward Delisle	Oct 18 '49	"	Clarence, Irene
	Mahlon Kingsley Parsons III	May 6, 50 Milligampton	"	Mahlon, Bertha
	Marcia Dora Omasta	Apr 30, 1950	"	Paul, Lydia
	Raymond Albert Witherell	June 30, 49	Feb 5	Merrill & Bertha

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	Susan Marilyn Fuller	Oct. 9, '49	June 10, 1951	Percy + Marilyn
	Linda Susan Hutinson	May 23 '49	Feb 4	Frank + Ernestine
	Helene Elizabeth Miller	July 11 '49	"	James + Ellenor
	David Burt Zigman	Oct 28 '49	"	Hazel + Donald
	Joan Sandra Truehait	June 2 '49	"	Frank + Ellenor
	Dwight Stanley Church	July 11 '47	"	Dwight + Josephine
	James Edward Cernak	Aug. 9, 50	Sept 2 +	Edward + Eunice
	Micheal David Galusiga	~~July~~ 9, 50	Oct 1	Stanley + Elizabeth
	Samuel John Hathaway	Aug. 14, 50	"	Frank + Olga
	~~Raymond Albert Witherell~~	1951	~~Feb 12~~	
	Robert Freeman Scott	Apr. 17, 51	June 10	Freeman + Elenor
	Andrew Arthur Church	Jan. 10, 51	"	Dwight + Josephine
	Michael Lee Woodard	Mch. 22, 51	"	Charles + Joyce
	Nan Cristin Hill	May 15, 51	July 8	Philip + Janet
	Charles Warner Norris	Apr. 21, 51	Oct 7	Philip + Jean
	Jeffrey Frederick Morton	May 15, 51	"	Frederick + Jane
	Jeffrey David Clapp	June 15, 51	"	David + Frances
	Miriam Louise Clapp	July 18, 51	"	Irving + Ella
	Karen Deborah Lemandowski	Jan. 16, 51	Sept. 30, 1952	Joseph R. + Ethel
	Frank Clayton Hathaway	Nov. 24, 51	Apr. 6	Frank + Olga
	Thomas Edward Vachula	Nov. 29, 51	" "	Thomas + Mary
	Dennis Warrington	Jan. 17, 52	" "	Levi + Harriet
	Mark Thayer Young	Mch. 9, 52	" "	Robert L. + Jean
	John Paul Fisher	Jan. 16, 51	July 6	Frank + Ida
	Judith Ellen Clapp	June 6, 52	Aug. 17	Murray + Alice
	Myron Montague Clapp	Apr. 20, 52	" "	Myron M. Jr. + Esther

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			1952	
	Deborah Edith Montague	Apr. 9, '52	Aug 17	Frank + Marion
	Wayne Alan Cernak	Sept. 12, '52	Nov. 29 at home	Edward & Eunice
			1953	
	Laura Ann Galusza	Mch. 13 '53 N. Hampton	June 14	Stanley H. + Elizabeth F.
	Timothy Aldrich Hurd	Feb. 26, '53	" "	Roscoe + Winifred
	Diane Edith Krug	Feb. 14, '53	" "	Daniel + Jessie
	Donald Harvey Munson	Feb. 11, '53	" "	Frank + Ernestine
	Sharon Lee Osborne	Dec. 12, '52	" "	Robert S. + Violet M.
	Joyce Lee Prosco	Dec. 7, '51	" "	John + Rose
	Marvin James Prosco	Oct. 7, '52	" "	" " "
	Rosemary Roberts	Mch. 2, '51	" "	Delmore + Margaret
	Gregory Peter Roberts	Feb. 25, '52	" "	" " "
	Ruth Eleanor Tucker	Aug. 30 '53 Northampton	Nov. 8	Geo. C. + Thelma M.
			1954	
	Fred Alan Meares	Feb. 21, 52 Washington, D.C.	Apr. 11	Donald + Dora C
	Donaldean Susan Meares	Oct. 5, 53 Northampton	Apr. 11	" " " "
	Lorraine Joy Clapp	July 15, 53 Northampton	" "	Irving M. + Ella J.
	Keith Victor King Jr.	May 2, 53 Northampton	" "	Keith Victor + Mary Parsons
	Richard Maurice Scott	Jan. 24, 54 Bristol, Conn.	" "	Freeman M. + Eleanor R.
	Pamela Juliette Williams	July 29, '53 Northampton	Oct. 3	Donald + Carolyn
	Carolyn Jane Fuller	June 14, 54 Northampton	" "	Percy W. + Marilyn
	Richard Anthony Lithwell	July 1, 52 Northampton	" "	Merrill + Bertha
	Merrill Lyn Ruth Lithwell	Apr. 18, 54 N. Hampton	" "	" "
	Joann Cernak	Oct. 13 53 N. Hampton	June 6	Edward + Eunice
	Bernice Warren	July 21, 40	Oct. 3 '54	Richard + Geneva
	Mary Etta Adlide	Feb. 4 '52	Mar. 11 '52	Clarence + Irene
	A. Lyman Snow Jr.	Jan. 1, 1900	Apr. 6 '52	A. Lyman + Ida

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		Northampton	1955	
	Stanley Nathan Button	Dec. 15 '54 Northampton	Apr. 3,	Marion S. & Peter A. Button
	Dale Stephan Parsons	Aug. 3 '54 Northampton	" "	Bertha R. & Mahlon K. Parsons
	Donald Edward Krug	Oct. 30 '54 Northampton	" "	Jessie S. & Daniel B. Krug, Sr.
	Suzanne May Loud	Dec. 27 '54 Spgfd. VT.	" "	Claire E. & Francis H. Loud
	Louise Katharine King	Dec. 7 '54	" "	Mary P. & Kieth King.
	Janice Elizabeth Inman	Jan. 4 '42	" "	Lucy C. Lester & Inman.
	Charles William Inman	June 6 '34 N.Y.C.	" "	Lucy C. Lester & Inman.
	Michael Gordon Weiler	May 27 '50 Sidon, Lebanon	" "	Joyce A. & Lester G. Weiler
	Sandra Sharon Weiler	Nov. 15 '51 Sidon, Lebanon	" "	" " "
	Judith Lynn Weiler	Oct. 14 '52 Northampton	" "	" " "
	David Wayne Weiler	Sept. 4 '54 Northampton	" "	" " "
	Richard Warren Barrett	Mar. 27 '55 Northampton	Apr. 28	Lorraine & Donald
	Carla Jean Barrett	Sept. 16 '53 Northampton	Dec. 19 '54	" " "
y.	Stephen John Cernak	June 12 '48 Northampton	Aug. 1 '48	Eunice & Edward.
ev. Hawley 34	Kim Ellen Montague	July 7 '54 Northampton	June 19	Louise & Sidney
Rev Hawley	John Winslow Navres	Oct. 31 '54 N. Hamp.	Aug. 14	Patrica & Robert.
ev.	Jill Robin Lewandowski	Aug. 7 '52 N. Hamp.	May 17, 1953	Joseph R. & Ethel
Gessert	Catherine Ann Mann	July 1 '55 N. Hamp.	Dec. 18, '55	Howard & Marietta
"	George Richard Munson	Sept. 30 '55 N. Hamp.	Dec. 18 '55	Frank & Ernestine
"	Judith Ann Sarafin	July 5 '55 N. Hamp.	Dec. 18 '55	John & Joan
"	Kathleen Rose Mary Witherell	Oct. 7 '55 Northampton	Dec. 18 '55	Merrill & Bertha
956	Gretchen Ann Schumann	Feb. 20 '56 Northampton	Mar. 25, '56	John & Rita
aptized at	George Martin Wright	Mar. 30 '43 Northampton	Apr. 16, '56	Gilbert & Esther
eacon	Arthur William Wright	Mar. 21 '47	Apr. 16, '56	" " "
Burt	Eileen Ferris Wright	May 7 '55	Apr. 16, '56	" " "

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Rev. Ostle	Joanne Marche	New Brunswick, N.J. Jan. 3 '49	Aug. 14 '49	Nanette & Fayette
	Robert Lee Fuller	Northampton Dec. 14, 55	June 17, 56	Marilyn & Percy
	Kenneth Church Fisher	Northampton Feb. 6, 53	June 17, 56	Pauline & Clifford Sr.
	Joyce Emma Fisher	Northampton Nov. 9, '49	June 17, 56	Pauline & Clifford Sr.
	William Anthony Besner	Northampton Nov. 28, 54	June 17, 56	Joanne & William
	Lee Ann Besner	Springfield July 20, 49	June 17, 56	Joanne & William
	Denise May Barrett	Northampton May 21, 56	June 17, 56	Lorraine & Donald
	Louise Anne Norris	Northampton Nov. 24, 54	June 17, 56	Jean & Philip
	Robert George Harvey	Springfield Aug. 28, 54	June 17, 56	Nellie & Howard
Transfer from Syracuse Methodist Church	Donna May Hurd	Worcester 8/11/43	10/10/43	Roscoe & Winifred
	Gary Allen Hurd	9/1/42	11/11/42	Roscoe & Winifred
	Diane Lois Hurd	7/16/46	6/8/47	Roscoe & Winifred
	Joel Warn Hurd	4/18/45	6/8/47	Roscoe & Winifred
By Robert Young	Janet S. Hill		4/2/50	
	William C. Hill		4/2/50	

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1 a	Miss Elizabeth V Flint (Martell)	1929 Sept 1	C	
2 IV 99	Mr Edward C Bartlett	"	C	D 1945
3	Miss Marion Blakesley (Lemery)	"	C	
4 a	Mr John Orner	"	C B	
5 a	Mr Gorge Orner	"	C B	
6 IV 122	Miss M Arline Flint (Bailey)	1931 April 5	C (removal to N. Brit. not recorded)	Apr. 4 '54 Died
7 IV 123	Mr Myron M Clapp Jr	" "	C	1954
8 a	Miss Gladys E Gagnon (Gault Fenton)	" "	C	1947
9	Mr Kenneth R Teed	June 7	Orthodox Cong'l Church of Groveland, Mass	Jan 2 '47
IV 47 10	Mrs Olive Mitchell Teed	July 5	Riverside Memorial Cong'l Church Haverhill, Mass	"
11 IV 40	Mr Harold H Cushing	"	Edwards Church, Northampton	Jan 6, '45
12	Mrs Harold H Cushing	"	"	"
IV 140 13	Mr Arthur J Orner	Sept. 13	First Cong'l Church of Dover (death not recorded)	
14	Mr Gilbert J Flint	1932 March 27	C	
15	Mr Donald B Lyman	"	C	
16 IV 88	Mrs Leslie (Bessie) Shaw	"	Methodist Church, Longmeadow Mass	[illegible]
17 a	Mr Leon Smith	"	C	
18 a	Mrs Margaret B Strong	1934 Aug 19	First Presbyterian of Holyoke	
19 IV 92	Mr Allan Strong	"	Second Congregational of Holyoke	D 1945
20	Mr Richard H Tracy	April 1	Plainfield Baptist Church of Plainfield N.Y.	
21 IV 149	Mrs Richard H Tracy (Evelyn)	"	Methodist Episcopal Church of Ware	D 1955
22	Mrs Gertrude R Parsons	"	Easthampton Cong'l Church, Easthampton	
23	Mrs Mable B Smith	"	First Cong'l Church, Swanton VT	
24 IV 100	Mr Myron Foucha	"	C	d. 1947
25 a	Mr Armand Rogers	"	C	

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26 a IV 53	Mr George D Orner	1935 Aug. 25		Dis 5/31/38
27 IV 118	Mrs George D Orner (Harriet Judd)	Aug. 25		D Dec. 23/53
28	Mr Ernest Delisle	Sept. 1	C	
29	Mr Donald Williams	April 21	C	
30	Miss Rachel Watts	Sept 1	C B	
31	Mrs. Ernest Delisle Miss Pauline Church Fisher	Sept 1	C B	
32 IV 81	Miss Jeanette Norris	1935 April 21	C	Mar. 25 '48
33 a	Miss Florence V Delisle Douglas	April 21	C B	
34	Miss Mary Parsons King	1936 July 6	C	
35 a IV 125	Miss Lucile Parsons Osborne	July 6	C	Jan. 23, '55
36 a	Mr Curtis Searl	July 6	C	
37 a	Mr Fayette Mascho	July 6	C	
38	Miss Margaret K Perkins Hayes	July 6	C	
39 IV 45	Miss Fidelia Kingsley	July 6	C B	D May 13 '37
40 a	Miss Ella Stickney Mrs Raymond McCarthy	Sept 6	C B	
41 a	Miss June Seymour Mrs. Marino Crucco	Sept 6	C B	
42 IV 70	Miss Winifred Seymour Hard	Sept 6	C B	dis Nov. 1 '42
43	Miss Shirley Church Snolpys	Sept 6	C B	
44	Mr Charles Woodard	Sept 6	C B	
45	Mr Grant Bridgman	Sept 6	C B	
46	Mr Frank Eugene Hathaway	Sept 6	C	
47 IV 98	Miss Grace Withrell Hunt	Sept 6	C	Dropped
48 IV 105	Miss Myrtle Snow Buriskes	Sept 6	C	dis Mch. 11, '51
49 IV 82	Mrs Lena B Richard	Sept 27	L Third Presbyterian Ch. Rochester, N.Y.	D 194[illegible]
50 IV 80	Mrs Amelia R Garrison	Sept 27	L First Presbyterian Ch. Pittston, Pa.	D 194[illegible]

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		1937		
51	Mrs Irving M Clapp (Ella Judd)	Jan 10	L The Second Cong'l Church of Greenfield, Mass	
52 IV 85	Mr Whitmore E Beardsley	Jan 10	L First Cong'l Church, Minot, N.D.	1947
53	Mrs Whitmore E Beardsley	Jan 10	L First Cong'l Church, Windsor, Conn	1947
		1938		
IV 157 54	Miss Marjory Payson	April 17	C	Dropped 3/20/55
55	Mr Edward Montague Jr	April 17	C	
		1939		
56 a	Miss Alice A Blakesley (Mrs Lawrence E Wilson)	July 2	C B	
57	Miss Lydia S Challet (Orasta)	"	C	
58	Mr Murry I Clapp	"	C	
IV 174 59	Miss Elizabeth M Fiske (Galusza)	"	C	5/26/57
60 a	Miss Muriel Fiske	"	C B	
61 IV 98	Mr William Hunt	"	C	Dropped
62	Miss Marilyn A Mascho (Fuller)	"	C	
IV 164 63	Miss Thelma M Scott (Tucker Waterman)	"	C	1-1/15/56
64	Mr Frank B Montague	"	C	
65	Mr Walter R Witherell Jr	"	C	
66	Mr Philip J Norris	"	C	
67	Mr Mahlon K Parsons	"	C	
68 a	Mr & Mrs Ewart Tonner	Aug 6	2 names. Edwards Congregational Church	
69 IV 86	Miss Janet Tonner	"	" "	dis ap. 25, 4[illegible]
IV 158 70 a	Miss Priscilla Tonner (Sarafin)	"	" "	3 Mar 1944 Northampton
		1940		
71	Mrs Barbara Ives Judd	May 26	" "	"
72	Frederick Webster Judd	"	Second Congregational Greenfield	
73	Miss Hazel E Fuller (Lyman)	"	Congregational Granby	
74 IV 84	Miss Jane Gagnon (Jenkins)	"	C	Mar 31 '47
75	Mr Edmund T Hunt	July 6	First Congregational of Chicopee	

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76 See 146	Wallace Buley	1941 Feb 2	Presbyterian Church Kingston N Y	Apl. 4 '54
77	Howard Williams Sr.	Mar 2	C	
78	Mrs Howard Williams (Marian Coates)	Mar 2	C	
79 a	Raymond Williams	Mar 2	C	
80 a	Mrs Raymond Williams (Gay)	Mar 2	C	
81	Mrs Clara Blakesley	July 2	C	
82 IV 113 *	Francis Bridgman	July 2	C B	Apl. 26 '53
83	Eunice Hathaway (Cornak)	July 2	C	
84 IV 104	Joyce Montague (Parsons)	July 2	C	L 1951
85 a	Sally Thompson	July 2	C	
86 a	Natalie Donner	July 2	C	
87	Mary Witherell (Vachula)	July 2	C	
88	Merrill Witherell	July 2	C	
89 IV 112	Mr Lawrence D Rhoades	1942 Mar 1	First Church of Christ Northampton	Dec. 26 '43
90 IV 113	Mrs Marion H Rhoades	Mar 1	" " " " "	" 1944
IV 159 91 a	Mr Henry Sarafin	Mar 15	C	~~1948~~
92	Mrs James Hickey Jr. (Christine Wagner)	Mar 15	C	"
93	Mr James Hickey Jr.	Mar 15	C	"
94	Mr Richard C Williams	May 3	C	"
95 a	Mr Malcolm Harlow	May 3	C	"
96 a	Mrs Malcolm Harlow	May 3	C	"
97	Mr Ralph Payson	May 3	Letter	
98	Mrs Ralph Payson (Evelyn)	May 3	Letter	"
99 IV 45	Mr Francis A Lord	May 3	Easthampton Congregational	Oct 2 '45
100	Mrs Francis A Lord	May 3	" "	

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101 IV 91	Miss Dorothy Loud	1942 May 3	Easthampton Cong'l Church	d. Aug 24 '46
102	Mr Howard F Loud	May 3	" " "	
103	Mrs Howard F Loud (Dorothy (Wentworth))	May 3	" " "	
104 a	Russell Birnie Bass	May 7 '44	C	
IV 105 105 a	Shirley Marion Bass	"	C	Dropped 3/20/55
IV 163 106	Dora Phelps Challet (Mayers) (meanes)	"	C	10/30/55
107	Sidney Arthur Montague	"	C	
108	Robert Winslow Norris	"	C	
109	Charlotte Louise Parsons (Built)	"	C	
110 IV 120	Eleanor Mae Scott (Truehart)	"	C	March 28 '54 Letter
111	Freeman Maxwell Scott	"	C	
112 a	Alan Richard Thompson	"	C	
113	Jessie Jane Snow (Krug)	"	C	
114	Ernestine Eleanor Warren	"	C	
115 IV 81	Marion Clark Cayo	Oct 15	C	D Jan 24 '46
116 a	Marion Sears Marcoux	"	C	
117 a	Donald F Marcoux	"	C	
118	Mr Roger W Clapp	1945 July 1	Easthampton Cong'l Church	
119	Mrs Roger W Clapp (Alta)	"	" " "	
120 IV 97	Mr John F Putnam	"	" " "	D Dec 20 [illegible]
121	Mrs John F Putnam (Eleanor (walker)) (clapp)	"	" " "	
122 IV 110	Mrs Laura (Clifton) Ewing		Briarcliff Congregational "	4/27/52
123 a	Herbert Williams	June 17	C	
124 3/6/54	Raymond Williams	" "	C	D Mar 6 '54
125 IV 83	Lucretia Searle	" "	C B	[illegible]

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		1945		
126 IV/106 X	Betty Ormsby	June 17	C B	dis 5/5/51
127	Elizabeth Norris (Lantree)	" "	C	
128 IV/165 a	Ruth Montague (Wentworth)	" "	C	3/4/56
129	Ann E Cranson (Muirs)	" "	C B	"
130	Carol Witherell	" "	C	"
131	Francis H. Lond	" "	C	
		1947		
132		March 16		
133 IV/112	Roland H Damon	"	C	April 2 1958
134	Morris L Frary	"	C	"
135	James H Miller	"	C B	"
136	Marion E (Warner) Montague	"	C B	"
137	Jean H (Warner) Norris	"	C B	"
138	Bertha K (Rak) Parsons	"	C	"
139	Estelle E (Wolfram) Frary	"	RA	"
140	Paul Omasta Jr	"	RA	"
141 a	Ruth Y. (Kironac) (Mrs. Armand) Rogers	"	RA	"
142	Thomas Vachula	"	RA	
143	Eleanor B (Ewing) Miller	"	L St Mark's Episcopal, Leominster	
144	Jean M (Brown) Witherell	"	L St. John's Episcopal, Northampton.	
		1948		
145				
146 IV/121 X	Mr Wallace C Buley		L New Britain Cong'l Church ~~Sept 94~~ ??	apr. 4 1954
147 IV/120 X	Mrs Wallace C Buley (Arlene Flint)		L New Britain Cong'l Church	apr. 4 1954
148	Mr Enoch Perkins		L Edwards Church, Northampton	
149	Mrs Enoch Perkins (Betty)		L " " "	"
150	Miss Mable K Perkins		L " " "	"

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151	Mr Walter Wyman		L	Oct. 30 '49
152	Mrs Walter Wyman		L	"
153	Mr D L Judd		L	
154	Mrs D L (Christine) Judd		L	
155	Mrs Joy Woodward		L	
156	Mrs Frank (Vega (Cornish)) Hathaway		L	
157	Mr Edwin Hayes		R	
158	Mrs Francis Bridgman		C	Mar. 26, 53
159	Miss Sally (Sara) Burt		C	
160	Mrs George (Beatrice) Burt		L	
161	Mr John Parsons	1949	C	Died Oct. 5 55
162	Joan Putnam (Sarafin)	Jan 2	C	
163	Daniel King	"	C	
164 a	Howard Williams Jr	"	C	
165	Ann Tracy	"	C	
166	Carol Williams (Longeon)	"	C	Dropped Jan. 1-1955
167	Jeanette Williams (Longeon)	"	C	Dropped Jan. 1-1955
168	Audrey Damon	"	C	Dec. 13 1953
169	Margaret Wood	"	C	
170	Harold T Wood	"	C	
171	Raymond Sarafin	"	C	
172	Lorraine (Barrett Spencer) (Warren)	"	C	
173	Charles Music	"	C	
174	Carolyn Morton Williams	"	L	
175	David G Clapp	"	L	3/24/57

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IV 173 176	Frances Clapp	1949 Jan 2	L	3/24/57
177 IV 102	Ella M Hover	"	L	D 8/31/50
178	Ellis T Hover	"	L	
179	Ruth Hover	"	L	
180	Alice Crowther Clapp	"	L	
181 a	Iris Pope Blakesley	"	L	
IV 154 182 a	Manola Blakesley Rogers.	April 14	C	Dropped 3/20/55
183	Elizabeth Lond	"	C	
184 a	Mary Sarafin	"	C	
185	Rita Schumann Witherell	"	C	
186	Harold W Watts	1950 April 2	L First Church of Christ Northampton	
187	Mrs Helen W Watts	"	L " " " "	
188	Andrew J Blow	"	L Asbury Fst Methodist Springfield	
189	Ruth Blow	"	L " " "	
190	Kenneth Blow	"	L " " "	
191 IV 111	Ethel Grace Hooker	"	L " " "	12/14/52
192	Harold Hooker	"	Reaffirmation	
193	Mrs James Hickey Sr Rhoda	"	"	
IV 161 194	Rev Robert L Young	"	Fedeated, Spencerville Ohio	7/25/55
IV 162 195	Jean E Young	"	" "	7/25/55
196	Mary Hunt	"	C	
[illegible]	Marjorie Blow	"	C	
198	Gail N Witherell	"	C	
199	Earl Gett Jr.	"	C	
200	Dorothy Delisle	"	C	

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201	Frank W Munson	Oct 1	L Fst. Congregational Chesterfield	
202	Donald Harter	"	L. Edwards Cong'l Northampton	
203	Pauline Harter (Mrs. Donald)	"	L " " "	
204	Miss Katherine Bingham	1951 March 18	L First Presbyterian, Penn N Y	
~~205~~		1952		
205	Mrs. Eleanor R. Scott (Mrs Freeman)	Apr. 6	L First Congregational Chelsea, Mass.	
206	Mr. A. Lyman Snow	" "	C B	
207	Harland E. Lemery	" "	C	
208	Richard Wm. Tracy	" "	C	
209	Elizabeth Judd Clapp	" "	C	
210	Christine Ann Clapp	" "	C	
211	Mary Rose Payson	" "	C	
212	Louise Hiling Loud (Inman) (Mrs. Charles)	" "	C	
213	Gale Patricia Miller	" "	C	
214	Barbara Delisle	" "	C	
215	Bernice N. Cutter	1953 Mch. 29	L from Hatfield Cong'l	
216	Robert S. Osborne	" "	L " 2nd Cong'l Holyoke	
217	Mrs. " (Violet Bridgman)	" "	L " " " "	
218	John Putnam	" "	C	
219	Mrs. Frances H. Claire E. (Richardson) Loud	1954 Apr. 11	L from Florence Cong'l. Florence	
220	Percy Fuller Jr.	Apr. 11	L from Church of Christ Granby	
221	Lucy Inman	Oct. 3	L - First Baptist Agawam	
222	Bernice Warren	Oct. 3	C - B	
223	John Schumann	Oct. 3	L - Lutheran Church - Northampton	
224	Janice Elizabeth Inman	1955 Apr. 3	C B	

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		1955		
225	Marion Payson	April 3	C	
226	Jacqueline Westerberg	April 3	C	
227	Charles William Inman	April 3	C B	
228	Marion S. Burton Mrs. Peter	April 3	L. First Congo. Holyoke	
229	Esther Strong Clapp Morris	Mar. 23, 1947	L First Baptist Northampton	
230	Betty-Anne Hunt (Gould)	Mar. 25, 1956	C	
231	Martha Dickinson Burt	Mar. 25, 1956	C	
232	Charles Howard Laud	Mar. 25, 1956	C	
233	Cynthia May Laud	Mar. 25, 1956	C	
234	Russell Henry Payson	Mar. 25, 1956	C	
235	Frank Stuart Phillips	Mar. 25, 1956	C	
236	Kenneth Harold Wood	Mar. 25, 1956	C	
237	Mrs. Roscoe L. Hurd	7/29/56	L- Methodist Church, Spencer	
238	Mr. Roscoe L. Hurd	7/29/56	L- Methodist Church, Spencer.	

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1	Mrs Nancy Holdridge	1929 Feb 10	D
2	Mr Myron H Atwood	March 31	Edwards Congl, Northampton
3	Mrs Alice R Montague	April 19	D
4	Mr Frank A Loud	May 5	Easthampton Congl, Easthampton
5	Mrs Frank A Loud	"	"
6	Mr Howard Loud	"	"
7	Miss Dorothy Loud	"	"
8	Mrs Lina A. Straw	Oct. 8	D
9	Mr Justin E James	Nov 27	D
10	Mrs Esther (Clapp) Morton	Nov. 3	Congl. Church Plainville, Ct.
11	Mrs Clayton A Barlett	1930 April 17	Congl Church Florence, Mass
12	Miss Effie B Edwards	"	" " " "
13	Mrs Dana Pelton	May 15	North Congl Church Amherst
14	Miss Flora L Phelps	Dec 19	D
15	Mrs Ida O. Dickinson	1931 Jan 2	D
16	Mr Arthur J Edwards	Oct 19	D
17	Mrs Percy W Fuller	April 5	Church of Christ, Granby
18	Mr John Fuller	" "	" " " "
19	Miss Jane Fuller	" "	" " " "
20	Mrs Marietta Rhodes		D
21	Mrs Sarah E Elwell		D
22	Mr Strong A Phelps	1932 April 16	D
23	Mr Will W. Kingsley	Sept 28	D
24	Mr Horace Hamilton	Dec 23	D
25	Rev Robert J Blakesley	Sept 11	First Church of Christ Congl. Pittsfield, Mass

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		1933	
26	Mrs Nellie F.J. Mahlon K Parsons	July 5	D
27	Martha Haunton Bingley	Nov. 5	Edwards Church, Northampton, Mass
28	Mrs Kate A Moakley	Jan 1, 1931	Florence Cong'l Church, " "
29	Mr George W Graves	Sept, 18, 1933	D
30	Mrs Winifred Hathaway Benson	Nov. 1933	D
31	Mrs Morris (Marian Lyman) Clark	1934 April 1	Edwards Church, Northampton, Mass
32	Mrs Stella Edwards	Sept. 16	Williston Church of the United Brethren Porterville. N.Y.
33	William H Stevens	December	D
34	Ralph W Emerson	"	D
35	Leon Fleury	"	Dropped
36	Nathan L Montague	1935 Jan	D
37	Mr G O Shaw	1936 Jan 19	D
38	George M Burt	Sept 1935	D
39	Henry M Clapp	Feb 2 1936	D
40	Mr & Mrs Harold Cushing	Jan 6, 1935	Edwards Church. Northampton, Mass
41	Mrs D S Bridgman	Dec. 12, 1936	D
42	Mrs Ellen J Searle	Dec 17, 1936	D
43	Mrs Nellie J Graves	Dec 25, 1936	D
44	Mr Arthur L Searle	April 4, 1937	D
45	Miss Fidelia I Kingsley	May 14, 1937	D
46	Mrs Mabel P Norris	Oct 9, 1937	D
47	Mr & Mrs K R Zecd	Jan 12, 1937	West Concord Union Church, West Concord
48	Mr Wallace R Lyman	Mar 8, 1937	Hope Cong'l Church, Springfield Mass
49	Mr Ernest E Barthett	May 1, 1927	First Church, Northampton, Mass
50	Mrs Lillian (Graves) L Gardner	March 28, 1937	First Church, Northampton, Mass
50a	Mr Ralph A Rayson	Oct. 12, 1937	Brookfield Cong'l Church, Brookfield, Mass

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		1938	
51	Mrs Sylvia M Rice	April 9	D
52	Miss Eleanor G Hathaway	Jan 2	Edwards Church, Northampton
53	Mr George W Orner	May 31	Union Congl Church, Tavares, Florida
		1939	
54	Mr + Mrs Willard Bryant	Jan 1	1st Congregational, Chesterfield, Mass
55	Mr Lyman W Clapp	Mar 31	D
56	Mr + Mrs Joseph Hathaway	April 6	Florence Congregational, Florence Mass
57	Mrs (Flora?) George Batchelder	May 1	Easthampton Methodist Church, Easthampton
		1940	
58	Mr Wilbur A Shaw	Jan 30	D
59	Mr Franklin Howard	Feb 14	D
60	Mrs Aurelia (H. M.) Clapp	April 16	D
61	Miss Louisa J Montague	April 30	D
		1941	
62	Mrs Bessie Bartlett Freeman	Apr 13	First M E Episcopal, Kenosha, Wis
63	Mrs Susan E (Parsons) Montague	April 29	D
64	Mr Meredith F Knight	Aug 11	D
65	Mr Edwin B Bridgman	Sept 6	D
66	Mr Levi Burt	Sept 30	D
67	Mrs A Lyman Snow Sr	May 26	D
		1942	
68	Mr Mahlon R Parsons	May 19	D
69	Mr William H Lyman	July 13	D
70	Mrs Roscoe L Hundth Winifred Seymour	Nov 1	Methodist Church, Spencer, Mass
		1943	
71	Mrs Lloyd Heath Leila Atwood	June 13	Congregational Church, Belchertown
72	Mr Lawrence D Rhoades	Dec 26	First Church of Christ, Northampton
73	Mrs Marion H Rhoades	Dec 26	" " " " "
74	Edward H Montague	April 9	D
75	Ernest M Shaw	May 5	D
75a	Louisa E Flint	June 26	D

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		1943	
76	Leslie R Shaw	Oct 4	D
		1944	
77	Mrs Lyman C Clapp	Dec 3	Edwards Congregational
78	John W Norris	Aug 24	D
		1945	
79	Francis A Loud	Oct 2	D
80	Amelia B Garrison	Jan 30	D
		1946	
81	Marion Clark Cayo	Jan 24	D
82	Mrs Lena B Richard	Apr 19	D
83	Miss Lucretia Searle	Apr 30	1st Congl Church Tucson Ariz
		1947	
84	Mrs Paul Jenkins (Jane Gagnon)	Mar 31	Walpole United Church, Walpole
85	Rev & Mrs Whitmore E Bardsley	Apr 13	1st Congl Church, Downers Grove, Ill
		1948	
86	Mrs Janet Tonner Kellogg	Apr. 25	1st Congl Church, Hadley Mass
87	Mrs Jeanett N Adams (Norris)	March 25	Central Congl Newtonville Mass
88	Mrs Lena Shaw	May 6	Methodist Church Plainville Conn
89	Mrs Fannie Hooker	July 30	D
90	Mrs Lucy Connery	Feb 5	D
91	Miss Dorothy A Loud	Aug 24	D
92	Mr Allan Strong	Mar 24	D
		1949	
93	Edward J Thompson	Feb 15	First Methodist Church Northampton
94	Sanford Payson	April 7	Second Congl Church Amherst
95	Rev Mr & Mrs Walter E Wyman	Oct 30	Maplewood Congl Church Malden Mass
96	Lawrence Blakesley	Nov 9	D
97	John F Putnam	Dec 20	D
98	Mr & Mrs William Hunt	July 1	Dropped
99	Edward C Burtlett	May 13 '45	D
100	Myron Foucha	49	D

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		1950	
101	Frances P Loud	Sept 24	D
102	Ella Hover	Aug 31	D
103	Marion Delisle	Oct 31	D
		1951	
104	Mrs Joyce Montague Parsons	Jan 1	L Edwards Cong'l Church Northampton
105	Mrs Thomas Dubisko myrtle Snow	Mar 11	L Methodist Church New Wilmington, Pa
106	Bettie Ormsby	May 5	L Calvary Baptist, Washington D C
107	Miss Josephine Lyman	Nov. 27	D
108	Mrs. George H. Knight	1952 Mch 17	D
109	Mrs. Louise A. (Clapp) Morris	Apr. 12	D
110	Mrs. Lora B. Ewing (Mrs. C. H.)	Apr. 27	L To Unitarian Ch. Northampton
111	Mrs. Ethel Grace Hooker	Dec. 11	D
		1953	
112	Roland H. Damon	apr. 2	L 2nd Cong'l, Westfield
113	Francis E. Bridgman	" 26	L Southampton Cong'l Ch.
114	Mrs. ~~Francis~~ (Barbara) Francis E. Bridgman	" 26	L " " "
115	Mrs. Gertrude M. Beckwith	Oct. 4	L Florence Cong'l Church
116	Mrs. Louise (Sandy) Parsons	Nov. 9	L
117	Audrey Damon	Dec. 3	L to First Cong'l Ch. Northampton
118	Mrs. Harriet (Judd) Orner	Dec. 23	D
		1954	
119	Raymond Chester Williams	Mar. 6	D
120	Mrs. Frank Truehart Jr. Eleanor Scott	Mar. 28	L to Easthampton Cong'l Ch, Easthampton.
121	Wallace Bailey	Apr. 4	L to Litchfield Cong'l Ch. Litchfield Conn
122	Arlene (Flint) Bailey	Apr. 4	L to Litchfield Cong'l Ch. Litchfield Conn
123	Myron M. Clapp Jr.	Aug. 18	D. Truck accident.
124	Mrs. Frank R. Howard	Jan. 10	D.
125	Lewis Albert Howard	Dec. 1	D

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		1955	
126	Marian Coulo	Jan. 1	Removed from list of members (Dropped)
127	Carol Williams Gorgeon	Jan 1	Turned Catholic (Dropped)
128	Jeanette Williams Gorgeon	Jan 1	" " (Dropped)
129	Mrs Lucile Parsons Osborne	Jan 23	Lto
130	Lillie A. Haldridge (Damon)	Never recorded	United 1884 off List of Members.
131	Nelson F. Higgins	"	" 1884 "
132	Martha E. Stevenson	"	" 1885 "
133	Charles G. Lord	"	" 1900 "
134	George K. Post	"	" 1900 "
135	Cora B. Miller Johnson	"	" 1906 "
136	Stella L. Kelsey Edwards	"	" 1906 "
137	Thomas H. Kelley	"	" 1907 "
138	Fred C. Vaugh	"	" 1910 "
139	Mrs. A. W. Frey	"	" 1922 "
140	Arthur Orner	"	" 1931 "
141	Harold Beckwith	"	" 1916 "
142	Margaret Howard (Mrs. Frank	"	" 1894 "
143	Josephine M. Townsend	"	" 1900 "
144	Isadora Howard	"	" 1882 "
145	Clinton Clark Elwell	"	" 1884 "
146	William Henry Stevens II	"	" 1884 "
147	Bertha Rice	"	" 1905 "
148	Louise H. Bridgman	"	" 1905 "
149	Mrs Gertrude R. Parsons.	Feb. 4, '55	Died, Auto accident.
150	Fred E. Chalet	Feb. 23, '55	Died, Sawmill Accident.

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		1944	United 1910
151	Robert L. Clapp.	Not on record.	L to Westfield 1944
152	Adelbert A. Elwell	Feb. 20, 1955	D. in Providence R. I.
153	Dwight S. Bridgman	Apr. 1, 1955	D. Member for 78 Years Age. 97.
154	Manola Blakesley Rogers	Mar. 20, 1955	Dropped.
155	Shirley Bass	Mar. 20, 1955	"
156	Edward Frey	Mar. 20, 1955	"
157	Marjory Payson (Priscilla Tonner)	Mar. 20, 1955	L to Chesterfield Congo Church.
158	Mrs. Henry Sarafin	Mar. 1944	Never recorded. L to Chesterfield Congo Church.
159	Henry Sarafin	Mar. 1944	Never recorded
160	Eliott Blakesley	1955	Joined in California; - not requiring letter of dismissal.
161	Rev. Robert L. Young.	Sept. 25, 1955	L First Church of Christ, Cornwall, Conn.
162	Jean E. Young	Sept. 25, 1955	L First Church of Christ, Cornwall, Conn.
163	Dora Challet Meares	Oct. 30, 1955	L Colton Community Church, Colton, Calif
164	Thelma Scott Tucker	Jan. 15, 1956	L Providence Methodist, Easthampton, Mass.
165	Ruth Montague Wentworth	Mar. 4, 1956	South Amherst Congregational South Amherst, Mass
166	John Parsons.	Oct. 1956	Died - Dickinson Hospital. N. Hamp.
167	James Root Clapp. Mrs. L. W.	Oct. 16, 1956	Died - Dickinson Hospital. " "
168	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Clapp	Aug. ~~July~~ 1, 1956	" " " " "
169	Myron M. Clapp Sr. Mrs. J. R.	Nov. 27, 1956	Died - Heart attack - at Home.
170	Lizzie G. Everett (Clapp)	July 1, 1956	" Dickinson Hospital.
171	Alma J. Bridgman	Dec. 27, 1956	" Ryder Nursing Home
172	David G. Clapp.	Mar. 24, 1957	L to Westmoreland Congo. N. H.
173	Frances Clapp	Mar. 24, 1957	L to " " N. H.
174	Mrs. Bette Fiske, Galeuza	May 26, 1957	L to Florence Congo. Florence Mass

Jan 6 1929

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 6, 1929. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. George A Grant. Minutes of the last meeting read. The following officers elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yr. H M Clapp
Church Comm. Mrs W M Fiske
Philip Clapp
Mrs A D Montague

Reports heard and approved from: Church Trea., Sunday school, Womens Missionary Union Secretary & Trea., Lamman mission Band, W.C.T.U., C.E., Childrens Aid. Report on the apportionment for the comming year. Pastors report. Voted to observe Thursday evening and a Union Service with the C.E. on Sunday evening during the week of prayer. Letter of appreciation read from Mrs. A. R. Montague. Meeting closed by a song.

Charles R Burt Clerk

Jan 4 1930

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan 4 1930. Meeting opened with song. Prayer by Rev. John Norris. Reading of the last meeting. The following officers elected:

Clerk	Charles R Burt
Treasurer	E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs.	R S Bridgman
Church Comm.	Mrs W M Fiske
	Philip Clapp
	Mrs Julia Montague

Reports heard and approved from: Church Trea., Sunday School, Womens missionary Union Trea., Lamanon mission Band, W.C.T.U., C.E., Childrens Aid, Girl reserve, Pastors report. Voted to raise $700 as a missionary buget. Voted to approve the plan of inter Church Coperation along plans outlined by Mr Wightman. There were five members received during the year, ten removed - six by letter and four by death. Five baptisms and one bible presented. Voted to adjourn the meeting.

Charles R Burt — Clerk.

Nov 1930 Rev George A Grant resigned effective April 1, 1931

Jan 3 1931

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held Jan. 3, 1931. The meeting opened at 1:50 P.M. with a song followed by prayer by Rev. Geo. A. Grant. The clerk's report of the last annual meeting was read and approved. The following officers were elected:

Clerk – Charles R Burt
Treasurer – E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs – E H Montague
Church Committee – Mrs W. M. Fiske
Philip J Clapp
Mrs Julia Montague

Reports by the following were read and accepted: Church treasurer, Sunday School, Sec & Trea., The Home Department Supt., Womens Missionary Union, Lammon Mission Band, W.C.T.U., Christian Endeavor, Children's Aid, Girls Reserve

The meeting then voted to accept the resignation of Rev. George A Grant. Words of appreciation for his services to the church were given and it was voted that a copy of them be sent to Mr Grant and also that they be incorporated in the records of the Church.

A Committee was appointed to act for the church in regard to the matter of pastor supply: Philip J Clapp
E H Montague
Mrs Harold Cushing

The pastor's report followed.

It was then voted that $700 would be the amount of the Church Missionary budget toward our apportionment.

Miss Olive Gagnon was appointed to represent the Church in The Young People's Dept. of the Hampshire Conference of Churches.

Herbert Masche was appointed to represent the Church on the Committee directing the Work of the Associated Men's Clubs of the County.

The pastor gave us a word preparatory to the communion Service. During the year there were five Baptisms, five removals from the roll — four by letter, One by death, and Three bibles were presented.

Voted to adjourn.

Charles P Burt Clerk

Resolution on The Resignation of Rev. Geo. A Grant

In accepting Mr. Grant's resignation after service of seven years with us we wish to place on record our appreciation of the high quality of that work – the studied sermons, the cheerful social intercourse and the readness to meet all demands on his time and strength. His courage under all and most trying conditions has been a marked feature of his life among us. Mr Grant has the respect, the sincerest sympathy, and the love of all his parish and of the whole town. These words of appreciation were adopted at the annual Church meeting and a Copy sent to Mr Grant.

April 2, 1931 At a Special meeting of the Westhampton Congregational church held in the town Hall April 2, 1931 Ralph Bridgman was elected moderator. Deacon H. M. Clapp Opened the meeting with prayer. Report for the pastor supply committee by E. H. Montague in regard to obtaining a Pastor Moved and unanimously voted that the Parish be asked to concur with the church in extending a call to Mr. Kenneth R Seed to become our Pastor and Teacher. Moved that we adjourn.

Charles R Burt Clerk.

May 17, 1931 At the regular meeting of the church it was voted to ordain and install Mr Kenneth R Deed in our church on June 10, 1931. Voted to appoint a committee composed of the Four Deacons and the church committee to make necessary arrangements for the Ordination and Installation Voted to send Mr Philip Clapp and Rev John Norris as delegates to the State Convention at New Bedford

June 7, 1931 The names of Mr + Mrs Kenneth R Deed and Mr + Mrs Harold Cushing proposed for membership by letter. At a subsequent meeting Voted to accept Mr Kenneth R Deed as a member of this church.

Northampton, Mass., R.F.D. 1

April 3, 1931.

Mr. Kenneth R. Teed,

Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:-

It becomes my duty and pleasure to extend to you a call to become the Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church. This was unanimously voted at a Special meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held last night. Trusting that youwill give this invitation careful consideration and a favorable reply. I am,

For the good of the Church,

Charles P Burt Clerk.

99 Sherman Street

Hartford, Connecticut

April 10, 1931

Mr. Charles R. Burt, Clerk

[illegible] Massachusetts

R. F. D. #1

My dear Mr. Burt:

I am sensible to the responsibility which is laid upon me in accepting the invitation to become the Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church which was extended to me on April 3, 1931 through you as Clerk of the Church. But the responsibility though real and important does not deter me since I am conscious of coming to share it with a consecrated and spiritually minded people, and since, by the grace of God, we shall be engaged in the greatest work in the world - building and serving Christian men and women.

I do therefore, hereby accept the invitation of the Church and pray that my efforts may only serve to show that all of us have but one Pastor and one Teacher - the everlasting God.

Cordially yours,

Kenneth R. Teed

Northampton, Mass., R.F.D. No1

May 26, 1931.

Rev. John P. Manwell,

Williamsburg, Mass.,

Dear Sir-:

This Church, having devoutly sought the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, has united in the choice of Mr Kenneth R. Teed for its pastor and teacher, and he has responded favorably to its call. The church unanimously voted on May 17, 1931 to ordain and install Mr K. R. Teed in our place of Worship on June 10, 1931. It is our desire that you make all necessary arrangements for the ordination and installation.

Yours in christian fellowship,

Charles P Burt Clerk

Westhampton Congregational Church.

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The Hampshire Association

To the Churches represented in it, Greeting.

A request having been received from the Congregational Church in Westhampton that the Association examine Mr. Kenneth R. Teed with reference to his fitness for the Gospel ministry; and if deemed expedient, to ordain him in order to his accepting a call as pastor of that Church; and at the same time to install him, notice is hereby given that a special meeting is called for that purpose in the Congregational church of Westhampton at 4 P.M. Wednesday, June 10, 1931.

By request of the said Church the following Churches and individuals, who are not members of this Association, will, also be invited, and proposed as corresponding members for that session if present;

Middlefield Congregational Church and Mr. Wesley Olds, clerk.

Mr. Clarence M. Cossum, Laneshoro, Mass.

Rev. Stuart C. Haskins, Glastonbury, Conn.

Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Rooke, East Hartford, Conn.

Rev. George Taylor, Rector of Episcopal Church, Easthampton, Mass.

Rev. William Osborn, pastor of Methodist Church, Easthampton, Mass.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, we are on behalf of the Churches of the Association,

John P. Manwell, Registrar.

May 29, 1931

Basil D. Hall — Gladys J. Hadley

Mrs. Clifton Johnson — John A. Hawley — John C. Wightman

Sereno S. Clark — John S. Curtis

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Ordination and Installation of Kenneth Ralph Teed.

Westhampton, June 10, 1951

A special meeting of the Hampshire Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers was called to order this day in the Congregational church of Westhampton at 4:10 P.M. by the assistant moderator, Mrs. Clifton Johnson. The letter missive calling the meeting was read by the registrar, Rev. John P. Manwell.

The roll was called by the registrar from which eleven Churches were found to be represented as follows: Chesterfield by pastor, Rev. R.S. White and delegate, Mr. William Baker; Easthampton by pastor, Rev. H.B. White and delegate, Dr. Oliver Cobb; Enfield by pastor, Rev. J.S. Curtis and delegate, Mr. J. Frederic Zappey; Hatfield by pastor, Rev. O.E. Barnard and delegate, Mr. Arthur C. Bardwell; Leverett by pastor, Rev. Herbert Dixon; and delegate, Mr. L.H. Beaman; Northampton First by pastor, Rev. T.B. Bitler and delegate, Mrs. S.L. Cooley; Northampton Edwards by delegate, Mr. W.H. Wilson; Northampton Florence by delegate, Mr. Clifford Andrews; Southampton by pastor, Rev. F.J. Ward and delegate, Mr. F.L. Atkins; Williamsburg by pastor, Rev. J.P. Manwell and delegate, Mr. A.J. Polmatier; and Haydenville by delegate Mr. Raymond Gray. Later arrivals and participating in the council were Rev. J.A. Hawley and Prof. J.O. Thompson of the Amherst First Church; Rev. and Mrs. C.F. Luther of the Amherst Second Church; Rev. E.C. Clapp of the Greenwich Church; Rev. F.N. Rutan and Mr. E.W. Hibbard of the Hadley Second Church; Rev. B.D. Hall of the Florence Church; Rev. R.H. Life of the Haydenville Church; and Rev. J.G. Nichols and Mr. G. Herbert Foster of the South Hadley Church.

Invited guests were present as follows: Mr. Wesley Olds, clerk of the Middlefield Congregational Church; Mr. Clarence Cossum of Lanesboro, Mass; Rev. Stuart C. Haskins of Glastonbury, Conn.; Rev. W.J. Rooke of East Hartford, Conn; Rev. William Osborn of the M.E. Church of Easthampton; and Rev. Frank Crook of Groveland, Mass.

It was voted that such invited guests mentioned in the letter missive as were present be given the privilege of the floor as corresponding members; also that Rev. Frank Crook of Groveland be accorded like courtesy.

The records of the Church relative to the matter for which the council was called were read by the clerk, Mr. Charles R. Burt. It was voted that the records be deemed satisfactory.

Correspondence between the parish and Mr. Teed was read by the clerk of the parish, Mr. Charles M. Norris; and it was voted that this be accepted as satisfactory in place of the records.

The report of the Credentials committee was read by its chairman, Rev. J.S. Curtis, certifying to a diploma held by Mr. Teed from Boston University, and a diploma from Hartford Theological Seminary with the degree of B.D.; certifying also to a license to preach from the Hartford Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers; certifying also to Mr. Teed's membership in the Westhampton Church. It was voted that the report be accepted and the credentials deemed satisfactory.

A statement was then made by the candidate relative to his religious experience and beliefs.

The roll of the council was called by the registrar for questioning the candidate. After the questioning it was voted to stay the examination. Rev. Basil D. Hall, the moderator of the Association, now took the chair relinquished by the assistant moderator.

The council voted to be by itself;and the roll was called for decision by the council in the matter for which it was called.It was unanimously voted to proceed with the ordination and installation of Mr.Teed as pastor of the Westhampton Church.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to acquaint the Church and the candidate with this decision;and at the same time to co-operate with them for the public service.The following were appointed as this committee:Prof.J.O.Thompson,Rev.H.B.White,and Rev.F.N.Rutan.

The following program was presented and accepted for the evening service:Organ Prelude,Invocation,a Hymn,a Statement by the Moderator,and Reading of the Minutes by the Registrar;Reading from Scripture by Rev.John Morris;Anthem by the choir;the Sermon of Ordination by President Robbins Wolcott Barstow of Hartford Theological Seminary;the Prayer of Ordination by Rev.Frank Crook;the Laying on of Hands;the Charge to the Pastor by Rev.Harold B.White;the Charge to the people by Mr.Charles M. Wright;the Right Hand of Fellowship by Rev.John S.Curtis;a Hymn;The Benediction;a Response by the choir;and an Organ Postlude.

It was voted that the minutes be read for approval.They were so read;and the registrar was authorized to complete them,and to send a copy to the Church,to Mr.Teed,and to the Congregational Library in Boston.

Adjournment was held for supper;and after supper the program as above recorded was carried out.

It was voted that Mr.Teed be admitted to membership in the Association.

Attest

John P. Maxwell

Registrar.

The Ordination and Installation

of

Kenneth Ralph Teed

as Pastor of the

Westhampton Congregational Church

in

Westhampton, Massachusetts

Wednesday, June the Tenth
at Seven-thirty o'clock p. m.
Nineteen Hundred and thirty-one

The Order of Service

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The Organ Prelude, "Serenade" - - - - - *Widor*

The Invocation, - The Reverend John C. Wightman

A Hymn, - - - - - - - - - - No. 320

A Statement by the Moderator, - The Reverend Basil D. Hall

A Reading from Scripture, - The Reverend John Norris

An Anthem, (by the Choir) "Beyond the Horizon" *Finley Lyon*

The Sermon of Ordination, President Robbins Wolcott Barstow

The Prayer of Ordination, - The Reverend Frank Crook

The Laying on of Hands

The Charge to the Pastor, - The Reverend Harold White

The Charge to the People, - - - Mr. Charles Wright

The Right Hand of Fellowship, The Reverend John S. Curtis

A Hymn, - - - - - - - - - No. 368

The Benediction, - - - - - - - The Pastor

A Response, - - - - -- - - The Choir

The Organ Postlude, "Victory March" - - *Mullard*

The Officiating Clergymen

PRESIDENT ROBBINS W. BARSTOW,
Hartford Seminary Foundation

REV. FRANK CROOK,
Pastor Groveland Congregational Church, Groveland, Mass.

REV. JOHN S. CURTIS,
Pastor Enfield Congregational Church, Enfield, Mass.

REV. BASIL D. HALL,
Pastor Florence Congregational Church, Florence, Mass.

REV. JOHN NORRIS, Westhampton, Mass.

REV. JOHN C. WIGHTMAN, Minister-at-Large, Hampshire County

REV. HAROLD B. WHITE,
Pastor Easthampton Congregational Church,
Easthampton, Mass.

MR. CHARLES M. WRIGHT, Deacon First Congregational Church,
Northampton, Mass.

Jan 2 1932

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 2. 1932. The meeting opened at two P. M. The Clerk's report of the last annual meeting read and approved. The following officers were elected:

Clerk -- Charles R Burt
Treasurer -- E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs. F W Blakesley
Church Committee - Mrs W M Fiske
Philip J Clapp
Mrs Julia Montague

Reports by the following were read and approved: Church treasurer, Sunday School, the Home Department Supt., Secretary and Treasurer Womens Missionary Union, Secretary and Treasurer Lammas Mission Band, W. C. T. U., Christian Endeavor, Childrens Aid, Girls Reserve, Pastors report. Moved that we accept the Pastors report with sincere appreciation. The week of prayer left with the Pastor. Remarks concerning the missionary society final. Voted to lay the matter on the table. A rising vote of thanks was taken to express the appreciation of the church to those who have furnished the music in our church services during the past year. Voted to adjourn.

Charles R Burt Clerk

Jan 6, 1933

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational was held Jan. 6, 1933. Meeting opened at 1.45 P.M. with prayer by Rev. R. R. Deed. The Clerk's report of the last annual meeting read and approved. The following officiers were elected.

Clerk: Charles R Burt
Treasurer: Edward H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs. Henry M Clapp

Letter of resignation from Deacon Ralph S Bridgman read. Voted to accept the resignation of R S Bridgman with regrets. An informal ballot was taken for the purpose of nominating a new Deacon. Moved and voted that the first vote be informal. W. M. Fiske elected by the informal ballot. Moved and voted that this ballot be made formal and that W. M. Fiske serve as Deacon to fill the unexpired term of R S Bridgman. Reports by the following were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Sunday School, Home Department Supt., Secretary and Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, Treasurer of Lammon Mission Band, W.C.T.U., Christian Endeavor, Children Aid, Girls reserve, Red Cross, Pastors report. Voted that the Pastors report be accepted with sincere appreciation. Voted that $600 be set [illegible] for the [illegible]: Voted that a Church Board be created which shall be composed as follows:

Chairman - The Minister
Clerk - Church Clerk
Church Committee
Treasurer of Church
Treasurer of Parish
Supt. of Sunday School
President Christian Endeavor
President Women's Missionary Union
President W. C. T. U.
Chairman Library Committee
Chairman Finance Committee
Chairman Music Committee
Chairman Board of Ushers
That this Board shall meet once a month, at such time as shall be decided upon by its members; and, that it exercise general oversight and direction of the work and programs of the Church and Parish, having powers of recommendation, study, and resolution to the various individuals, committees, organization and meeting of the Church and Parish. Voted to adjourn. Closed by singing - Bless be the tie that Binds.

Charles R Burt, Clerk.

Jan. 15 Voted that R. D. Bridgman be retained as an honorary Deacon

Nov. 5 Voted that the Thanksgiving service be held alternately on Wednesday night and Thursday morning. 1933 falling on Wednesday night.

Jan. 5, 1934

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 5, 1934. Meeting opened at 8 o'clock P.M. with prayer by Rev. R R Deed. The clerks report of the last annual meeting read and approved. The following officers were elected

Clerk. C R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Deacon for four years W M Fiske
Church Comm. Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia Montague
Mr C M Norris

Reports by the following were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Sunday School, Secretary and Treasurer of the Womans Missionary Union, Treasurer of the Lammon Mission Band, W. C. T. U., Christian Endeavor, Childrens Aid, Girls Reserve, Red Cross, Pastors Report. Voted to accept the Pastors report with appreciation. Voted to adopt the proposed projects for the comming year. Meeting closed by singing "Blest be the tie that Binds"

Charles R Burt

Dec 28 1934

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Dec 28, 1934. Rev. R.R. Deed opened the meeting at 8.15 P.M. With prayer. The Clerks report of the last annual meeting read and approved. The following officers elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs E H Montague
Church Comm. Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia Montague
Mr C M Morris

Reports by the following were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School, Secretary and Treasurer of the Women's missionary Union, Treasurer of the Common Mission Band, Christian Endeavor, Junior C.E., Childrens Aid, Girls Reserve, Red Cross, Pastors Report. Voted to accept the pastors report unanimously. Resolved: That we, the members of the Westhampton Congregational Church, remembering the faithful service and sterling character of our former pastor, Rev. Henry S. Ives, do hereby preserve the record of our gratitude. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the church records, and a copy be sent to the widow of Rev. Ives, Mrs Mary P. Ives. Meeting closed by singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds"

Charles R Burt Clerk

Jan. 1, 1936

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 1, 1936. Deacon H M Clapp opened the meeting with prayer at 1.25 P.M. The Clerks report of the last annual meeting read and approved. The following officers elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs. F W Blakesley

Moved and voted that two Junior Deacons be elected to act for the Deacons or otherwise assist them. Voted that the term of the Jr. Deacon be two years. Voted that the first elected serve for two years and the second for one year. In accordance with the above vote P J Clapp and H M Parsons were elected Junior Deacons.

Church Comm. Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia Montague
Mr C M Morris

Social Action Comm. H F Maschio
a three year term. Mrs Julia Montague
Irving Clapp
Francis P Lord
Josephine Lyman
G F Flint

Voted that the first two be elected for three years, the second two for two years, the third two for one year and that two every year thereafter

Reports by the following were read and approved: Church Treasurer. Sec. & Trea. of the Sunday School, Sec. & Trea of the Womens missionary Union. Treasurer of the Lammon Mission Band, Christian Endeavor W. C. T. U., Childrens Aid, Girls Reserve, Red Cross, Pastors report. Voted to accept the Pastors report. Voted that resolutions on the death of Rev. George A Grant be incorporated in the records and a copy be sent to Miss Edith Grant. Meeting closed with the benediction.

Charles R Burt Clerk

Northampton, Mass., R. F. D.
Feb. 4, 1936

Miss Edith Grant:

At the annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church the members remembering the faithful and cheerful services of its former Pastor Rev. George A Grant, directed me to communicate to you and spread upon the records their appreciation and gratitude. This I am glad to do.

Yours very truly,
Charles R Burt Clerk

June 28, 1936

Rev Kenneth R Deed read his resignation at the regular morning service.

Northampton, Massachusetts
Rural Free Delivery
June 27, 1936

To the Members of the Westhampton
Congregational Church
Westhampton, Mass.

Dear Friends:

I beg you to believe that what I am about to do, I do only because to me it appears necessary. I ask you to believe that, other things being equal, it is not the desire nor the preference either of Mrs. Reed or myself to separate ourselves and our family from you whom we have loved these past five years and to ask that you release me from my obligations to you as Pastor and Teacher. There seems, however, to be no alternative and I therefore respectfully request that my resignation be accepted as of October 1, 1936 or at such earlier date as the church may, by God's grace, secure a Pastor to whom it can give heart and hand.

Affectionately yours Pastor,

Kenneth R. Reed

July 5, 1936

At a regular meeting of the church it was voted to accept the resignation of Rev. Kenneth R Zeed. Voted that we invite the Hampshire Association to join with us in holding a Council of Dismission and that the clerk tend to the details. Voted that Irving Clapp, Gilbert Flint and William Fiske act as a committee for the church in seeuring a new Pastor.

Charles R Bunt, Clerk

August 9, 1936

At a meeting of the church it was voted to accept Janet Norris as an advisory member from the young peoples group on the pastor supply comm.

Sept. 6 1936

Voted that Mr Zeed terminate his duties as Pastor Sept. 15.

Nov. 22, 1936

At a meeting of the church held after the regular morning service it was voted to accept the recommendations of the Pastoral committee and extend Rev. Whitmore E Beardsley a call to become our Pastor and Teacher and that the Parish be asked to join with us in Extending the call

Northampton Mass, R F D

November 23 1936

Rev Whitemore L Beardsley

Windsor Conn

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure and duty to extend to you a call to becomethe Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church. This was unanimously voted at the regular morning service of November 22. Trusting that you will give this invitation careful consideration and a favorable reply. I am,

For the good of the Church,

Charles R Burt

Clerk

117 East Street
Windsor, Conn.
November 25, 1936

Mr. Charles R. Burt, Clerk
Westhampton Congregational Church
Northampton, Mass., R.F.D.

Dear Sir:

I count it a very great honor and privilege to be extended the call to become the Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church. I accept the call after having given it careful thought and consideration, secure in the knowledge that we shall work together for the glory of God and the good of the Church.

Sincerely yours,

Whitmore Evart Beardsley

Dec 20, 1936

It was unanimously voted at the regular morning service to ordain and hold a recognition service for Mr Whitmore E Beardsley in our place of worship on Jan. 19, 1937 at 3 P.M.

Northampton Mass R F D

December 21 1936

Rev John P Manwell

Conway Mass

Dear Sir:

This Church, having devoutly sought the promised guidence of the Holy Spirit, has united in the choice of Mr Whitmore Evart Beardsley for its pastor and teacher, and he has responded favorably to its call. The church unamimously voted on December 20 to ordain and hold a service of recognition for Mr Whitmore E Beardsley in our place of worship on Jan 19 1937 beginning at 3 P M. It is our desire that you take all necessary arrangments for the ordination and the recognition service.

Yours in christian fellowship,

Charles R Burt Clerk

Westhampton Congregational Church

Jan 1 1937

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 1, 1937. Rev. W E Beardsley opened the meeting with prayer at 2.10 P.M. The Clerk's report of the last annual meeting read and approved. The following Officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs Philip J Clapp
Junior Deacon for 2 yrs. H M Parsons
Junior Deacon for 1 yr H P Bridgman

Resolution read and informal vote taken that all members of the Church be entitled to vote in its meetings.

Church Comm. Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia Montague
Mr C M Morris

Social Action Comm. Josephine Lyman
G T Flint

Reports were read and approved by the following: Church Treasurer, Sec & Treasurer of the Sunday School, Sec & Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, Lumnon Mission Band, Christian Endeavor, W. C. T. U., Childrens Aid, Girls Reserve and Pastors report. The letters of Mrs Irving Clapp, Mr & Mrs W E Beardsley were read at this time. Mr E H Montague, F C Williams and W M Fiske were appointed a Committee to draw up resolutions on the death of H M Clapp. The meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds" C. R Burt Clerk

Resolutions on the death of H M Clapp.

Be it resolved:

That, we, members of the Congregational Church of Westhampton, remembering the long and faithful service and the devotion and loyalty of Deacon Henry M. Clapp, do hereby preserve the record of our gratitude. We recall with deep appreciation his thirty-nine years of service as a deacon in the Church. The interests of the Church in the service of God were uppermost in his mind, and his love for it known by all.

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the record of the Church meeting, and a copy be sent to the family.

Edward H Montague
William M Fiske
Jared C Williams

Jan 23 At the regular morning service under principles and Rules Section 4 It was voted that it should read: All members of the Church, male and female, shall be entitled to vote in its meetings.

Jan 3 1938

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 3, 1938. Rev W E Beardsley opened the meeting with prayer at 2.10 P.M. The Clerk's report of the last meeting read and approved. The following officers were lected:

Clerk C R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs W M Fiske
Deacon for 2 yrs H P Bridgman
Church Comm. Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia Montague
Mr C M Norris
Mrs H F Maschio
Social action Comm Francis Lord
Irving Clapp

Moved and voted that the meeting express their appreciation for the endeavors of its officers. The following reports were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Sec + Treasurer of the Sunday School, Sec + Treasurer of the Womens missionary Union, Lammon Mission Band, Christian Endeavor, W.C.T.U., Childrens Aid, Girls Reserve, Red Cross, No report from the social action comm. and Pastors report. Voted that the Pastor and Mrs Julia Montague be a committee to wait upon Philip S Clapp to express the appreciation of the church for his efforts and expence in installing toilets in the church. The sentiment of the meeting

was expressed by Mrs Julia Montague in approving the Pastors report with thanks. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds.

Charles Burt Clark

Jan. 2 1939

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 2 1939. Rev W E Beardsley opened the meeting at 2.15 P. M. with prayer. The Clerk's report of the last meeting read and approved. The following officers were elected:

Clerk: Charles R Burt
Treasurer: E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs: E H Montague
Jr Deacon for 2 yrs: H M Parsons
Church Comm: Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia E Montague
M E M Norris
Mrs H F Maschio
Social Action Comm. M H F Maschio
for 3 yrs: Mrs Julia E Montague

The following reports were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Secretary & Treasurer of Sunday School, Secretary & Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, Christian Endeavor, Lammon Mission Band, Childrens Aid, W.C.T.U., Red Cross, Social Action Comm, Church Comm. and Pastor's report.

There were five baptisms, two members received and six removals. There is a total of 183 Members.

Meeting Closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds"

Charles R Burt
Clerk

January 1 1940

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan 1. Rev W E Beardsley opened the meeting at 2.15 P. M. With prayer. The Clerks report read and accepted. The following officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer: E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs F W Blakesley
Jr Deacon for 2 yrs H P Bridgman
Church Comm. Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia E Montague
Mr C M Morris
Mrs H F Maschio
Social action Comm Josephine Lyman
for 3 yrs G G Flint

The following reports were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Secretary + Treasurer of Sunday School, Secretary + Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, Christian Endeavor, Lammon Mission Band, Childrens Aid, W. C. T. U., Red Cross, Social action, Well Child Clinic, Church Comm., and Pastors report. Moved and voted that the date of the annual meeting for the comming year be left in the hands of the Church Comm. Moved and voted that the Pastor, Clerk, Philip J Clapp and Mrs G G Flint act as a Comm. to study and investigate the revision of the Church Manual and report at the next meeting. During the year there have been seven baptisms, sixteen new members

four by letter and twelve by confession, six removals, five by letter and one by death making a membership of 193. The average attendance for forty eight Sundays was 116. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that Binds."

Charles R Burt
Clerk

Jan 2 1942

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church Held Jan 2, 1941. Rev. W E Beardsley opened the meeting at 2 P. M. with prayer. The Clerks report read and accepted. The following officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Deacon for 4 yrs R J Clapp
Jr Deacon for 2 yrs H M Parsons
Church Comm Mrs W M Fiske
Mrs Julia E Montague
Mr C M Norris
Mrs H F Maschio
Social Action Comm Irving Clapp
for Three years Mrs Donald Lyman

The following reports were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School, Secretary and Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, Christian Endeavor, Lammont Mission Band, Childrens Aid, W. C. T. U., Red Cross, Well Child Clinic, Church Comm. and Pastors Report. A letter from Mrs Amy Cowles of California read. Moved and voted that a roll call be conducted at the next annual meeting. The Committee on revision of the Church Manual was given until the next annual meeting to report. During the year there were

two Baptisms, five additions to the roll, one on Confession and four by letter. and four removals making a membership of 194. The average attendance for 49 Sundays was 106. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds"

Charles R Burt Clerk

Jan 1 1942

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church Held Jan 1 1942. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev W E Beardsley at 2.20. The Clerks report read and accepted. Roll Call conducted by the Clerk. There were forty nine members present and response from eight absentee members. The following Officers were elected:

Clerk Charles P Burt
Treasurer Edward H Montague
Asst. Treasurer Francis P Loud
Deacon for 4 yrs William M Fiske
Jr Deacon for 2 yrs Henry P Bridgman

Moved and voted that the office of Jr Deacon be known as Associate Deacon.

Church Comm. Mrs William M Fiske
Mrs Julia E Montague
Mr Charles M Norris
Mrs Herbert F Maschio
Social Actors Mrs Julia E Montague
Comm. for 3 yrs Mr Charles M Norris

The following reports were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Secretary & Treasurer of the Sunday School, Secretary & Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, Christian Endeavor, Lammon Mission Band, Childrens Aid, W. C. T. U., Red Cross, Church Comm, and Pastors Report. The report of the Committee on revision of the Church Manual was taken up. After

a lengthy discussion it was voted to recess until Sunday Jan 11 after the morning service. During the year there were thirteen new members added and six removed, making the membership 201. There were eleven Baptisms. The average attendance for forty eight Sundays was 105. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that Binds."

Charles R Burt Clerk

January 11, 1942

A special meeting was held at 11:45 A.M. to discuss the Revised Church Manual. It was voted to discontinue the Social Action Committee, the sentiment of the meeting being that this activity be part of the Church Committee's responsibility. The articles in the new manual were discussed and voted on separately. The final vote being to submit the Revised Manual for final action at the Morning Service Jan 25.

C R Burt Clerk

Jan 25 1942

At a special meeting held after the morning service it was voted to adopt the Revised Manual and have sufficient copies printed for distribution to the Church members

C R Burt Clerk

June 7 1942

Rev W E Beardsley read his resignation at the close of the regular morning service.

C R Burt Clerk

June 13 1942

At a special meeting held after the morning service it was moved and voted that Charles M Morris act as Moderator. Moved and voted that Rev Beardsley's resignation be laid on the table until the next annual meeting. Moved and voted that Rev Beardsley be granted a leave of absence until the next annual meeting

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Pastors

Rev. Enoch Hale	1779-1837
Rev. Horace B. Chapin	1829-1837
Rev. Amos Drury	1837-1841
Rev. David Coggin	1842-1852
Rev. Andrew Bigelow	1854-1855
Rev. Roswell Foster	1856-1858
Rev. Edwin C. Bissell	1859-1864
Rev. Thomas Allender	1866-1869
Rev. Pliny F. Barnard	1870-1873
Rev. Joseph Lanman	1874-1876
Rev. Edward S. Palmer	1876-1881
Rev. William C. Scofield	1881-1884
Rev. Alwin E. Todd	1886-1891
Rev. Arthur C. Townsend	1891-1899
Rev. W. Stanley Post	1900-1904
Rev. Henry S. Ives	1905-1917
Rev. John W. Norris	1917-1922
Rev. George A. Grant	1923-1931
Rev. Kenneth R. Teed	1931-1936
Rev. Whitmore E. Beardsley	1936-1942

Deacons

Reuben Wright	1779-1798
Martin Clark	1779-1823
Samuel Edwards	1786-1842
Pliny Sikes	1811-1833
Elisha King	1824-1852
Eleazar Judd	1834-1863
Zenas S. Clark	1852-1879
Joel Cook	1855-1878
William I. Edwards	1862-1911
Alfred D. Montague	1875-1899
Albert G. Jewett	1881-1897
Fred D. Bridgman	1890-1926
Henry M. Clapp	1897-1936
Edward H. Montague	1900-
Frank W. Blakesley	1912-
Ralph Bridgman	1926-1933
William M. Fiske	1933-
Philip J. Clapp	1937-

Associate Deacons

Henry M. Parsons	1936-
Henry P. Bridgman	1937-

History of the Church

Although the Westhampton Congregational Church was not formally organized until Sept. 1, 1779, church services were held in the community long before it was established as a Town. The Northampton records tell us that in 1773 "the town being satisfied that the people of the Long Division had spent £7:16s for preaching, gave Samuel Kingsley an order on the treasurer for that sum." In 1776 they voted £9 for schooling and preaching. The first minister, Rev. Enoch Hale, was hired in 1778 to preach four Sundays, and in 1779 was hired to preach two months. Mr. Hale was asked to become the settled pastor of the church in August 1779 and served until his death in 1837. Mr. Hale was the elder brother of Nathan Hale, American martyr, and the grandfather of Edward Everett Hale.

The first meeting-house was erected on the present site in 1785, but in 1816 was taken down and a larger meeting-house erected, one of the finest in the region. The second-meeting house was destroyed by fire in February 1829. Before the ashes were cold and the people had gone home, measurements were taken and plans made for a new building. The new meeting-house was completed and dedicated in December 1829. For thirty years the building had no spire, but in 1860 one was added to the square steeple. As first built, the church had one large room with galleries on the sides and rear, but in 1884 a thorough job of remodeling was done. The building was divided, making two floors with the sanctuary upstairs and the parlors, vestry, and kitchen downstairs. This was a wise move, for it has enabled the church to serve as a community center in a manner

hitherto impossible. In 1907 a pipe organ was secured, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Henry S. Ives and the generosity of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. In 1940 the sanctuary was remodeled and the old white pulpit restored to its rightful place for the preaching of the word.

The various organizations of the church have long histories. The Church School dates back to 1818. The Women's Missionary Union, the result of a merger effected in 1928, joined together the Ladies Benevolent Society, organized in 1848, and the Westhampton Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, organized in 1874. The Lanman Mission Band, which for years has made a unique contribution to the life and knowledge of the children of the community, was formed in 1874. The Christian Endeavor Society was organized in 1886.

The Westhampton Church has not only been the spiritual and social center of the community, it has also contributed generously to the work of the Church throughout the world. Justin Edwards was one of the leaders in the early movement which led to the forming of the American Board. The Bridgman Memorial Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa, bears the name of one of the Westhampton's best-loved families. Since Rev. Henry Martyn Bridgman went from here to work among the Zulus in 1860, the Bridgman family has given over 260 years of service in the mission field. The Westhampton Church is proud to number among its members Mr. Arthur J. Orner, missionary of the American Board, who has been doing outstanding work at the mission station at Chikore, S. Rhodesia, S. Africa. Missionaries, teachers, ministers, and a reputation for industry, sobriety, and sincerity have enabled the Westhampton Congregational Church to serve as one of God's shining lights in a world that has sorely needed the Light.

Statement of Faith

This Church recognizes the Bible as the sufficient rule of faith and practice, and holds that living in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ is the true test of fellowship. Each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the Word of God according to the dictates of his own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. The following statement of faith (or principles), therefore, is not a test but an expression of the spirit in which the Church interprets the Word of God.

FAITH.—We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Saviour, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men.

COVENANT.—We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood. Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

Principles and Rules

1. This Church is an independent ecclesiastical body, and in all matters of order, doctrine, and discipline it is amenable to no other organization. At the same time it accepts the obligations of mutual council, courtesy, and cooperation involved in the free fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches, and pledges itself to share in their common aims and work.

2. Officers of the Church. The officers of this Church shall be a Pastor, four Deacons, two Associate Deacons, Church Committee, Clerk, and Treasurer.

The Pastor shall be a member of this Church, and shall ordinarily be the moderator of the Church meetings.

The Deacons shall assist the Pastor generally in the spiritual care of the Church; they shall take care of the communion service, and assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper. They shall also have a care for the poor of the Church, and shall preside at all meetings of the church for which provision has not been made.

The Church Committee shall consist of the Pastor, Deacons, and four members chosen annually. The duties of this Committee shall be to examine and recommend candidates for church membership. This Committee shall prepare and bring before the Church such cases of discipline as may seem to require the notice of the Church. In the absence of the Pastor, or when there is no Pastor, the Church Committee shall have the care of the religious meetings of the Church. It shall be the duty of this Committee to report on the

state of the Church, and the relation of the Church to the Community at each annual meeting.

The Clerk shall keep a faithful record of all business transactions and meetings of the Church, and such other facts as may indicate the work and condition of the Church.

The Treasurer shall receive, record, and take charge of all monies contributed by the Church, and pay them over to such persons authorized to receive them.

3. Meetings of the Church. This Church will sustain upon Sunday, public worship, a school for religious instruction, and a meeting for the young people of the Church.

Meetings for conference, instruction, and prayer will be held at such times as may be deemed advisable. The claims of these meetings shall have precedence over all business claims, or other meetings of public entertainment, or social pleasure.

The Lord's Supper will be administered on the first Sunday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

4. Business Meetings. The annual meeting of the Church shall be held on New Year's Day, or at the nearest convenient day, in cooperation with the Parish Society. At this meeting a Clerk, Treasurer, Deacon, Associate Deacon, and four members of the Church Committee shall be elected. The Clerk, Treasurer, Church Committee, Pastor, and representatives of the organizations of the Church shall submit their reports for the preceding year.

Business may be transacted at any of the regular meetings of the Church, or at any special meeting called for such purpose by the moderator, or his order, by public notice from the pulpit. However, no action shall be

taken at any Church Meeting affecting the internal arrangements of the Church, unless notice of such proposed action shall have been publicly given on the Sabbath.

All members of the Church, male or female, shall be entitled to vote in its meeting.

5. Admission of Members. The members of this Church shall be persons who have been received by vote of the Church and public acceptance of its covenant, a) on presentation of satisfactory letters of transfer from other churches; (b) if letters are not available, by reaffirmation of faith on recommendation of the Church Committee; or (c) on confession of faith and baptism (if not previously baptized).

Reception. Persons desiring to become members by reaffirmation or on confession of faith, shall meet with the Church Committee for the purpose of indicating their desire for church membership. Upon recommendation of the Church Committee their names shall be read to the congregation at least two weeks before their reception, and the question of their admission shall be decided by vote of the Church at any subsequent meeting. Having been approved by the Church they shall be received into full membership, at a communion service or at some other time as ordered by the Church, by publicly assenting to the covenant of the Church.

Persons desiring to unite with this Church by letters of dismission from other churches shall present their letters to be read before the Church, and the vote upon their acceptance may be taken at any subsequent meeting of the Church.

6. Dismission. Members of this Church removing their place of worship are expected to request letters of dismission within one year from the time of their re-

moval, or give the Church Committee satisfactory reasons for not doing so, and to annually report themselves, giving an account of their religious life and privileges.

Requests for letters of dismission may be announced at any regular public service and the vote, upon granting the request, may be taken at any subsequent meeting.

Members whose addresses have long been unknown or who for a period of two years, in spite of kindly approaches, have not communicated with the Church or contributed to its support, may, by vote of the Church, be transferred to a retired list. From the date of such transfer such persons shall cease to be reported on the active membership rolls, although requests for letters of dismission will be granted. Such persons, upon their own request, the recommendation of the Church Committee, and the vote of the Church, may be reinstated as active members.

The Church may revise its rolls by erasing therefrom the names of absentees whenever in the judgment of the Church Committee the spiritual welfare of the parties concerned and the order, purity and peace of the Church may be better served than by a regular course of discipline and dismissal.

7. Discipline. Should a member become an offense to the Church and its good name by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or by persistent breach of his covenant vows, the Church on recommendation of the Church Committee may censure such a member, suspend him, or terminate his membership by a two-thirds vote at a duly called meeting; but only after due notice and an impartial hearing, and after efforts have been made to bring such a member to amendment in accordance with the law of Christ. (Matthew 18:15-17).

8. Alteration. Any of these rules may be altered or amended by a vote of the Church at any regular meeting, the alteration or amendment having been read before the Church at least two weeks previous to acting thereon.

Westhampton, Mass.
June 7, 1942

To the Members of the Westhampton Congregational Church
Westhampton, Massachusetts

Dear Friends:

What I have to do this morning will come as no surprise to you, for all of you have been aware of my intentions of entering the Army as a chaplain. This week I received word that I could expect my commission shortly, and to arrange my civilian affairs accordingly. With this knowledge in mind, I wish to tender my resignation as Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church, said resignation to take effect July 1st or at such earlier date as I may be called to active duty.

Although this is a step which is necessary, and one which I have discussed thoroughly and candidly with you, it is not an easy one to take. You know, without my telling you, how much our work, our home, and our friends here have meant to Mrs. Beardsley and me. We have rejoiced in the spirit of harmony and Christian friendship which has accompanied our work here. You have been loyal, generous, cooperative, and understanding, and any success which I have enjoyed here has been due to the support you have given me.

And now, although it becomes necessary for me to sever the pastoral relationship, I ask for your prayers and good wishes in the new and difficult work to which I feel called of God. May He guide you in the days to come as He has in the past, that this Church of Christ may continue to stand as His Witness to a needy world. May we all, in whatever capacity we serve, continue to work for the glory of God and the good of His Church everywhere. God bless us everyone.

Sincerely,

Whitmore E. Beardsley

January 1 1943

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 1, 1943. Chaplain W E Beardsley opened the meeting with prayer at 2:25 p m. The Clerks report read and approved. The following officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer E H Montague
Ass. treasurer Francis P Sond
Deacon for 4yrs E H Montague
Associate Deacon for 2yrs Henry Parsons
Church Committee Mrs W W Fiske
Mrs Julia E Montague
Mr Charles M Norris
Mrs Herbert F Maschio

The following reports were read and approved: Church treasurer, Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School, Secretary and Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, Christian Endeavor, Lammon Mission Band, Childrens Aid, W.C.T.U., Red Cross, Church Committee and Pastors Report. Moved and voted that Rev. Beardsley leave of absence be extended to July 1 1943. Moved and voted that the recommendations of the Church Committee be approved in regard to Mrs Beardsley's Pastral Work. This was followed by the Presentation of Chaplain Beardsley picture to the Church. During the year there were 5 Baptisms, 15 member received, 3 dismissed making a new total of

213 members. The average attendance for the year was 100. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds".

C R Burt Clerk

July 18, 1943

At a meeting of the Church held after Sunday School the matter of extending Chaplains Beardsley leave of absence was discussed. It was voted to delay action until a subsequent meeting pending further information

C R Burt Clerk

July 25, 1943

A meeting of the Church was held after Sunday School. The meeting was opened by Deacon F H Blakeslee with prayer. After a lengthy discussion of Chaplains Beardsleys leave of absence, the meeting voted a leave of absence for the Duration and instructed the Church Committee to secure a resident Pastor for the Duration. It was voted to instruct the Clerk to send Chaplain Beardsley a telegram of the action of the Meeting.

C R Burt Clerk

August 22 1943

A meeting of the Church was held following the regular morning services. Philip J Clapp was elected Moderator. Mr Clapp opened the meeting with prayer. Report of the Committee on Pastor supply heard and discussed. Moved and Voted that Mrs W E Beardsley serve as our Pastor Moved that a Committee proceed to look for a resident Minister. The motion was lost.

Charles R Burt Clerk

5th Photographic Group
Peterson Field
Colorado Springs, Colo.
July 16, 1943

The Westhampton Congregational Church
Westhampton, Massachusetts

Dear Friends:

It is now thirteen months since I tendered my resignation as Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church, a resignation which was not accepted. It is my judgment that the leave of absence which was established has not proved to be the best solution to the problem and I again tender my resignation. This time I sincerely hope, and insist, that you accept my resignation. I am doing this for the good of the Church and the good of the Christian Cause for which we all are working.

Believe me when I say that Mrs. Beardsley and I deeply appreciate the affection which prompted you to refuse my resignation last June 1942 and again at the annual meeting this year. All of you know how much Westhampton means to us. Certainly it holds first place in our hearts.

In asking that you accept my resignation I want you to know that such an official severence of our pastoral relationship will not in any way affect the love and affection we bear toward you. Although I will no longer be your pastor I will still be a member of the Church and my "home" (legally and emotionally) will still be among you. I know that such a severence cannot destroy the bond of affection and friendship which has been created by our living and working with you during the six years of my ministry among you.

In closing I wish you every success in the securing of the kind of a pastor that our Church needs and should have. Give him the loyalty, love, and cooperation you have so generously given me. I know that God will be with you and lead you in the future as he always has in the past.

Yours in Christ,

Whitmore E. Beardsley

5th Photographic Group
Peterson Field
Colorado Springs, Colo.
July 27, 1943

The Westhampton Congregational Church
Westhampton, Massachusetts

Dear Friends:

I have received notice of the action which you took at your meeting on Sunday, July 25th. Elsa and I deeply appreciate the feeling which prompted you to act as you did. I hope that is an action which will not bring you cause for regret. I hope that I can merit the confidence and respect which led you to this decision.

I pray that the Pulpit Committee will be successful in finding the type of minister you want and need. I am sure that God will be with you in the task you have taken upon yourselves.

I would be negligent in my responsibility to you as individuals and as a Church of Christ if I failed to remind you that if at any time you feel the arrangement is not working out to the best interests of the Church you may accept my resignation. It is in your hands to be accepted at any time circumstances may require such action. I also want you to know that if, at any time, the pastor you secure for the duration fills your needs as you would have them filled, I want you to extend him a permanent call. This is only fair to you and to him. It is certainly possible that the desired duration pastor will be so acceptable to you that you would feel inclined to call him for good. If this happens, if you feel that you want to take this action, rest assured that I feel certain that you must follow that course of action.

In other words I want you to feel that at no time are your hands tied by any feeling of affection or loyalty to me. The good of the Church demands that it not be bound by the hands of an absent pastor.

In closing I want to thank you again and to ask that God will continue to be with our Church, blessing it in the future as He has so richly blessed it in the past. With you, I pray for the coming of a time of peace and good will among all men.

Yours in Christ,

Whitmore E. Beardsley

Whitmore E. Beardsley

5th Photo Rcn Group
APO 520, % PM, New York, NY
October 17, 1943

The Westhampton Congregational Church
c/o Mr. Charles R. Burt, Clerk
R.F.D.
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Friends:

As the time for the Annual Meetings draws near, and I realize that I will be missing the Annual Meetings for the first time in 7 years, I want at least to remind you that I will be with you in spirit. After conducting, or rather presiding, for seven successive Meetings, it will seem strange indeed to be numbered among the absent.

Every year it has been my custom and duty to read a Pastor's report which has assumed the nature of reveiwing the events of the past Church Year and giving a detailed report of my activities. The former I cannot do, for my absence has naturally resulted in my having too clear a picture of the Church Year for 1943. However, I can give you some idea of the work I have done in the Chaplaincy during 1943.

As you remember, 1943 started out with my being present for the Annual Meetings. I then attended the Chaplain School at Harvard. The first week in February I returned to Drew Field, Florida, where I resumed my position as Base Chaplain, presiding over the activities of 16 other Army Chaplains. In April I received my promotion to the rank of Captain, and later that month was granted my urgent request for an assignment to a tactical unit ready for overseas service. On April 30th I reported at Peterson Field to take up my work as Chaplain of the 5th Photographic Mapping and Reconnaissance Group. Early in August the outfit was moved to an Eastern "Staging Area" and readied for the journey overseas, a trip which started a week later. After a censorable number of days we debarked at a North African port and three days later moved up to our present station. As you can see, 1943 has been outstanding for me in the amount of travelling I have already done, and perhaps will do before the curtain is rung down on this present year.

What of my pastoral and preaching work? During the first 10 months of 1943, making an estimate for my work for the balance of this month, I have preached, lectured, or spoken, 74 times during the year. This is the most public speaking I have done over a period of 10 months, let alone a year. The attendance at all these services or meetings, large and small, has been 7006. If I continue my present preaching schedule, and I anticipate no lessening of the burden, I will preach 24 times during the months of November and December. My preaching schedule is exceptionally full for I preach three times every Sunday morning, at 9, 9:45, and 10:30. During the first 10 months of this year I will have made 748 hospital calls, about four times as many as I made in my civilian work. In addition to that I have had 6203 other personal contacts, ranging from personal interviews and welfare cases to the securing of furloughs and pay for enlisted men. I have conducted 8 weddings, a normal figure in peacetime, 3 baptisms, and 1 funeral, the latter two items being far less than my normal activity. As you can see, I have not been idle.

What of 1944? I pray God that it will be the year of peace, the year when the men in our Armed Forces will find it possible to return to their homes and civilian pursuits. I also pray that it will be a year in which our Church will continue to stand firm and united as an effective witness in our community. I pray, with the knowledge that my prayers will be answered, that you at home will continually keep us in your thoughts and prayers. God bless you in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Whitmore E. Beardsley

Jan 1 1944

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan 1, 1944. Our Pastor, Mrs W E Beardsley opened the meeting with prayer at two P. M. The Clerks report read and approved. The following Officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer Francis P Lond
Deacon for 4 years F W Blakesley
Deacon for 3 years to fill the unexpired term of Mr E H Montague. Moved and voted that a vote be taken to secure the three highest names as nominees for Deacon. E A Montague, Henry Parsons and Charles R Burt were nominated. E A Montague was elected.
Associate Deacon for 2 years H P Bridgman
Church Comm. Mrs G F Flint
Mrs Julia E. Montague
Mr Charles M Norris
Mrs Charles Gagnon

The following reports were read and approved: Church Treasurer, Secretary + Treasurer of the Sunday School, Secretary + Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, C. E., Lammion Mission Band, Children's Aid, Red Cross, Church Comm. A letter from Chaplain Beardsley read by the Clerk. Presentation of Scroll from the War Dept. Our Pastor, Mrs Beardsley presented her report. Voted that the Church have an educational Committee. Moved that the Church Committee meet with Mrs Beardsley to select a Committee to represent the Church. Moved and

voted that the Church send greetings to its minister Chaplain W E Beardsley. Moved to adjourn. Closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds"

Charles R Burt Clerk

Chaplain W E Beardsley:

As Clerk of the Westhampton Congregational Church I am instructed to convey to you the appreciation of the annual meeting for a job well done and may God continue to give you guidance, health and strength for the days to come.

Charles R Burt

Jan 1 1945

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan 1, 1945. Charles M Norris opened the meeting with prayer at 2:30. The Clerks report read and approved. The following officers elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer Francis P Loud
Deacon for 4 yrs Philip J Clapp
Associate Deacon for 2 yrs Henry Parsons
Church Committee: Mrs Gilbert F Flint
Mr Charles M Norris
Mrs Carolin Gagnon
Miss Ada Judd

The following reports were read and approved Church Trea., Sec & Trea. of the Sunday School, Sec & Trea. of Womens Missionary Union, C.E., Lammon Mission Fund, Childrens Aid, Red Cross, Church Comm., Educational Comm., A letter and report from Chaplain Beardsley read by the Clerk. Voted that our percentage of Foreign Missions be designated to go to Mr Orner in Africa. Philip J Clapp was elected as laymans Representative. Mrs Myron Clapp Jr, Mrs John Putnam, Mr R H Tracy and Mr Edmond Hunt elected as committee to over see the young People's Work. C R Burt, Erstine Warren, Marion Marsh Marion Fiske elected as a committee to visit the sick and shut ins. Voted that a copy of Mr Beardsley's letter be sent to all the Families of the Church. An Excellent report was given by

the Pastor. Voted to send the regards of the meeting to Chaplain Beardsley. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that Binds"

C R Burt, Clerk

Jan 1 1945

Chaplain Whitmore E Beardsley:

It becomes my duty and pleasure to extend to you the regards and best wishes of the Annual Meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church. We are grateful to you for the letter of cheer and challenge for the New Year. May the prayers of the People at home help to make the road smoother thru the comming year

For the Church
Charles R Burt
Clerk

Jan 1 1946

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan. 1, 1946. Rev W E Beardsley opened the meeting with prayer at 2:20 P.M. The Clerk's report read and approved. The following officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer Francis P Lond
Deacon for 4 yrs W M Fiske
Associate Deacon for 2 yrs Fred Challet
Church Committee: Mrs Gilbert G Flint
Mr. Charles M Norris
Mrs Carolyn Gagnon
Miss Ada Judd

The following reports read and approved: Church Treasurer, Secretary of Sunday School, Treasurer of Sunday School, Secretary of Womens Missionary Union, Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Union, C. E., Lawnton Mission Band, Childrens Aid, Red Cross, Church Committee, Educational Committee. Report of Rev E M Roberts read by the Clerk. Moved and voted that the Clerk send Rev Roberts greetings and appreciation of the meeting. Outlook for the comming year by Rev W E Beardsley. Presentation of gift to Mrs Frank Blakesley for Twenty Five years of Faithful service as Organist and member of Music Comm. Report of Hospital drive by Mrs Henry Parsons. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that Binds"

C R Burt Clerk

Jan 1 1947

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan 1. Rev. W. E. Beardsley opened the meeting with prayer at 2.40 P.M. The following officers were elected. Clerks report read and approved.

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer Ruth Gagnon
Deacon for 4yrs Edward A Montague
Associate Deacon for 2yrs Henry M Parsons
Church Comm. Mrs Gilbert T. Flint
Mr Charles M Morris
Mrs Carolyn Gagnon
Miss Ada Judd

The following reports read and approved. Church Treasurer, Secretary of Sunday School, Treasurer of Sunday School, C E, Junior Mission Band, Secretary of Womens Missionary Union, Childrens Aid, Red Cross, Church Comm., S.P.C.C., Report of Pastor. Suggested that a church nursery be started. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that binds"

Charles R Burt Clerk

Jan 26, 1947

Rev Whitmore E Beardsley read his resignation at the regular morning service to be effective March 31st.

Charles R Burt Clerk

Westhampton, Mass.
January 26, 1947

The Westhampton Congregational Church
Westhampton, Massachusetts

Dear Friends:

It is with deep regret that I tender my resignation, effective March 31st, in order to accept a call to become the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove, Illinois.

Try though I may, I can find no words capable of expressing the great joy and lasting pleasure with which Mrs. Beardsley and I have lived and worked among you. I rejoice in the things we have shared, and the wonderful feeling of friendship which has made our ministry here so rewarding. No other church or community can ever mean as much to us as Westhampton. This has been our first home. This has been my first pastorate, the place of my Christian ordination. Your friendship, loyalty, and cooperation have helped me to grow and develop. You will always have a very special place in our hearts. One thing is certain. We may pack our possessions and move them to another place. But there are some things which cannot be packed or moved or taken away. Our friendship is something which neither time, nor change, nor distance can affect.

The opportunity which has presented itself to me is a challenge which I cannot decline. Our new field of endeavor will present great opportunities and equally great responsibilities. The demands which will be made upon us will be heavy. We shall need your prayers and good wishes in meeting them.

On November 28, 1936, in replying to the letter of the Church Clerk inviting me to become your pastor, I closed with the following words: "I accept the call after having given it careful thought and consideration, secure in the knowledge that we shall work together for the glory of God and the good of the Church." That was my purpose and I have done my best to fulfill it. That must always be the purpose of all of us, wherever we are, to work together for the glory of God and the good of His Church.

May the blessing of God guide and direct you, not only in the choice of a new pastor and teacher, but in every way throughout the years which are ahead.

In His Name,

Whitmore E. Beardsley

Feb. 2 1947

At a meeting of the church held following the regular morning service.

Voted that the Clerk preside.

Voted that the Resignation of Rev Whitmore E Beardsley be accepted and that the chair appoint a committee to act with a committee appointed by the Parish to draw up resolutions on his services.

Voted that a committee of five be appointed by the church to act with a committee appointed by the Parish in securing a Pastor.

Voted that Philip Clapp be chairman of the Committee for the Church.

Voted that Grant Bridgman, Mahlon Parsons, John Hathaway and Barbra Judd act the other members of the Committee.

Voted to ask the Parish to concur with the Church in accepting the resignation and appoint a Committee to act with it.

Charles H Burt Clerk

Tonight we have gathered to bid farewell and Godspeed to Reverend Whitmore E. Beardsley and Mrs. Beardsley, who have been serving our church and community for the past ten years. We feel a deep sense of loss, and, while we endeavor to remember how truly they have earned this new advancement, their leaving is no less grievous to their many friends.

In November, 1936, "Mr. and Mrs. B." came to Westhampton to serve as our pastor and leader. Immediately they became one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows, helping us bear our burdens. During their ministry here our church has grown in membership and stature until today it stands as one of the strongest small town churches in this region.

It was their first pastorate. They came to us with zeal and enthusiasm and an earnext desire to give us the best they had. We have watched them grow and develope in their work to that point where it seems wise and right that they should go on to this larger field. Their work and influence have not been confined to this town, but have spread throughout the county among the young people as well as the adults. During a part of the time while Mr. "B." was absent to serve his country as an army chaplain, Mrs. "B." lived with us. She gave generously and untiringly of her time and strength to keep up the work of the parish. They have been cheerful friends, willing counselors and wise leaders.

Recognizing therefore, all that they have meant to us, let it be resolved that we, the members of the Westhampton Congregational Parish express to Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley our most sincere thanks and appreciation for their services and sacrifices in our behalf. It has been a privilege to have them with us. We have loved them as they have loved us.

Thus, with the wish that they may have unfailing health and strength we send them on their way. May God be with them and bless them.

Westhampton Congregational Church and Parish
Westhampton, Mass.
March 21, 1947.

Richard H. Troy
Gertrude E. Flint
Edmund J. Hunt

Com. on Resolutions

May 25 1947

Deacon Frank W Blakesley opened a meeting of the Church held after the regular Morning service with prayer.

Voted to extend a Call to Rev. Walter E. Wyman of Orono, Maine to become the Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church. Voted to ask the Parish to Concur with the Church in extending Rev Wyman a Call.

Charles R Burt Clerk

Westhampton Mass
May 25 1947

Rev Walter E Wyman
Orono
Maine

Dear Sir;

It becomes my duty and pleasure to extend to you a call to become the Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church. This was unanimously voted at a meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held following the regular morning service. Trusting that you will give this invitation careful consideration and a favorable reply.

I am,
For the good of the Church,

Charles R Burt
Clerk

Apt. 1 E, South Apartments
University of Maine
Orono, Maine
June 3, 1947

Mr. Charles R. Burt
R. F. D.
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Burt:

I was happy to receive your letter extending a call to me to become the pastor and teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church. I accept the call with pleasure and my wife and I are looking forward to becoming members of the community.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. Wyman

Walter E. Wyman

Jan 1 1948

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan 1, 1948. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev Walter E Wyman at 2:20 P.M. Clerk's report read and approved: The following officers were elected:

Clerk C R Burt
Treasurer Ruth Gagnon
Deacon for 4 yrs J W Blakesley
Associate Deacon for 2 yrs Fred Challet
Church Comm.
Mr Charles M Norris
Mrs Carolyn Gagnon
Miss Ada Field
Mrs Howard Lord

The following reports read and approved: Report of Church Treas. Secretary Sunday School, Treasurer of Sunday School, Secretary Womens Missionary Union, Treasurer of Womens Missionary Union, Hammon Mission Band, Children's Aid, Church Comm., Report of the Pastor. Meeting Closed by Singing "Bless be the tie that binds"

Charles R Burt
Clerk

Jan 1 1949

The Annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church held Jan 1 1949. Rev Walter E Wyman opened the meeting at 2:15 P.M. with prayer. Clerk's report read and approved. The following officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer Ruth Gagnon
Deacon for 4 yrs Philip J Clapp
Associate Dea for 2 yrs Henry Parsons
Church Comm Charles M Norris
Carolyn Gagnon
Ada Judd
Mrs Howard Lord

The following reports read and approved: Report of Church Treas., Secretary of Sunday School; Treas of Sunday School, Secretary of Womens missionary Union; Lammon mission Band, Childrens Aid, Church Comm, C. E., and report of the Pastor. Discussion of the merger by the Pastor and Others. Resolved that the Church oppose reporting by the Boston office of accessions to membership in the individuals Churches on the basis of absolute members and urge that all reporting be done on a relative basis. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the tie that Binds"

Charles R Burt
Clerk

Westhampton Congregational Church

WESTHAMPTON, MASS.

MINISTER
REV. WALTER E. WYMAN

June 5, 1949

To the Members of the Westhampton
Congregational Church and Parish
Westhampton, Massachusetts

Christian Friends:

It is with prayerful consideration that I tender my resignation as your Pastor and Teacher to be effective August 7, 1949. Most of you know of my desire to continue my education in the field of Theology and Religious Education. For some time I have been considering possibilities of going to school in the vicinity of Westhampton, but that does not seem feasible.

We regret that such a change is now necessary, and we wish that we had discovered the need of formal education much earlier so that our church would be spared the necessity of securing two pastors in the space of two years. However, we are glad indeed that we came to Westhampton. We have enjoyed working with you and are proud to be members of this community. It is hard also to express the regret we feel at severing our relationships with the community. We shall always cherish the friendships established here and the memories of Westhampton will always be a part of our treasured posessions. God has richly blessed our labors, and we are grateful to Him and to you for the generous support we have received. If any progress was made during the last two years it is because of loyal and willing workers of our Church and Parish. Our sincere thanks to you all.

I strongly recommend that steps be taken as soon as possible to elect a pulpit committee to look into the matter of securing a pastor. I certainly would not object to your hearing candidates while I am here. It may be that arrangements for a new minister could be planned so that his pastorate would begin as mine ends.

We wish to thank all who have so willingly supported the Church and Parish during our stay. Westhampton was our first real parish and we are grateful for the privilege of serving it. We pray that the Westhampton Congregational Church may continue to grow in usefulness in God's Great Kingdom.

Sincerely,
Walter E. Wyman

June 5 1949

Rev Walter E Wyman read his resignation at the regular morning Service.

Charles R Burt Clerk

June 12 1949

At a meeting of the Church held after the regular morning service it was voted to accept the resignation of Rev Walter E Wyman effective Aug. 7 with regret. Voted to elect a committee of four to secure a new Pastor and ask the Parish to elect a committee to act with it. Philip J Clapp, Charles R Burt, Mrs John Putnam and Mrs Herbert Mascho were elected to represent the Church.

Charles R Burt Clerk

June 19, 1949

A meeting of the Church was called after the regular morning service. It was voted to rescind the vote taken at the last meeting and have a Committee of five represent the Church on the Pastor Committee. Mrs Roger Clapp was elected as the fifth member

Charles R Burt Clerk

Sept. 4, 1949

A meeting of the Church was called after the regular morning service. Meeting opened with prayer by Deacon F W Blakeley. Moved and Voted that W M Fiske act as moderator. Philip J Clapp

gave a report of the ministerial committee in reference to Rev Robert Young. Mrs Macko read a letter from Mr Beckwith and a letter from Rev Mr. Young. The Committee unanimously recommended to the church the name of Rev Robert L Young to be our Pastor and teacher. Charles M Norris moved that we concur with the recommendations of the Comm. and extend a call to Rev Robert L Young to become our Pastor and Teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

Charles R Burt Clerk

Received Rev Robert L Youngs acceptance to become our Pastor and Teacher on Sept. 25 1949

Charles R Burt Clerk

Westhampton Mass
September 14 1949

Rev Robert L Young
Spencerville Ohio

Dear Sir:

It becomes my duty and pleasure to extend to you a call to become the Pastor and Teacher of the Westhampton Congregational Church. This was unanimously voted at a special meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church. Trusting that you will give this invitation careful consideration and a favorable reply.

I am,

For the good of the church,

Charles R Burt
Clerk

ROBERT L. YOUNG, MINISTER

TELEPHONE 188

First Federated Church

FOURTH AND PEARL STREETS
SPENCERVILLE, OHIO

September 23, 1949.

The Westhampton Congregational Church
Charles R. Burt, Clerk
Westhampton, Mass.

Greeting:

Having devoutly sought the guidance of the great Head of the Church, and having considered carefully the call from the Westhampton Church and Parish to be its Pastor and Teacher, it is with great pleasure that I accept the call together with the conditions stipulated in the letter from the parish. I will conclude my work here the 8th of January, and plan to assume my duties in Westhampton the following Sunday. I am honored that the vote was unanimous, and feel that it augurs well for the future. I pledge myself to work for our common Lord for the furtherance of God's Kingdom in Westhampton that we may all grow in the knowledge and love of God.

The grace of Christ be with you,

Robert L. Young

Jan 2 1950

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was opened by the Clerk at 2.05 P.M. Jan 2, 1950. Charles M Norris was elected moderator. Philip Clapp offered prayer. The Clerks report read and accepted. The following officers elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer Ruth Gagnon
Deacon for 4yr W M Fiske
Deacon for 2yrs Fred Challet
Church Committee:

Charles M Norris
Carolyn Gagnon
Adah Judd
Dorothy Sond

The following reports read and approved: Report of Church Treas., Secretary of Sunday School, Treasurer of Sunday School, Secretary of Womans Missionary Union, Treasurer Womans missionary Union, Lamson Mission Band parsal, Childrens Aid, Church Committee, Secretary and Treasurer C.E., Outline of the merger by Charles M Norris. Followed by a general discussion for the good of the order. Moved and Voted that it being agreeable with Rev M Young that the Church proceed with an installation service. Voted that the church extend their appreciation to the Florence Congregational Church for extending the hospitality of their Young People services to our Young People. The annual meeting Voted their appreciation to Rev Walter Wyman for his thoughtfulness in providing the Christmas Bulletins Voted appreciation to Pearl Flint for preparing the Church Bulletins

Voted appreciation to Edith Blakeley for her faithful services at the Organ. Meeting Closed by Singing "Bless be the Tie that Binds"

Charles R Burt Clerk

Jan 1 1951.

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church opened with prayer by Rev Robert Young at 3 o clock P.M. The following officers were elected:

Clerk Charles R Burt
Treasurer Mrs Philip J Clapp
Deacon for 4 yrs. Edward A Montague
Associate Deacon for 2 yrs Henry M Parsons
Church Committee Charles M Morris
Carolyn Gagnon
Dorothy Loud
Alta Clapp

The Clerks report read and approved. The following reports read and approved. Church treasurer, Church committee, Pastors report, Secretary of the Womens missionary Union. Voted to pass the reading of treasurers report of the Womens missionary Union. Report of the Secretary of the C.E. Voted to accept reports of the Sunday school Treasurer and the Lammon Mission Band as printed in the Annual. The items for consideration appended to the Pastor's report were discussed with action taken on the fifth item as indicated in the motion. Voted that the decisions concerning the everymember Canvass be delegated to the Cabinet, everymember Canvass Committee and parish Committee. Moved and voted that the Cabinet elect a member at large to represent the Church body. Voted to adjourn. Meeting closed by singing "Bless be the Tie that Binds" Charles R Burt Clerk

Voted a letter of dismissal to Mrs Joyce Montague Parsons to Edwards Church Northampton

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Following the morning service a meeting of the Church was called and the following action taken. Moved and voted that the Supt., Asst. Supt., Treasurer and secretary of the Sunday School be elected at the annual Church meeting. Moved and voted that a Committee of three be elected to bring in a single slate of Church Officers and four Church School Officers for consideration at the annual meeting. Moved to ammend the motion that the Deacon be ommitted from the origional motion. motion lost. Moved and voted that there be a printed ballot containing names of officers to be voted on. Robert Noakis, Fred Challet and Irving Clapp were elected as a nominating Committee.

Charles R Burt
Clerk

January 1, 1952

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held Jan. 1, 1952. The meeting was opened at 3 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Robert Young.

The clerk read the Minutes of the annual meeting of Jan. 1951. His report was approved without correction.

The report of the nominating committee, consisting of Fred Challet, Irving Clapp and Robert Norris followed —

Deacon for 4 yrs. Charles R. Burt
Associate Deacon for 2 yrs. Philip J. Norris
Clerk for 1 year Mabel K. Perkins
Church Committee for 1 year:
Charles M. Norris
Mrs. Roger W. Clapp
Donald B. Lyman
Harold W. Watts
Treasurer Mrs. Philip J. Clapp
Supt. of Church School Richard Tracy
Assist. Supt. Frank Munson
Church Sch. Treasurer Robert Norris
" " Secretary Mary Hunt

These Church and Church School officers were elected by a prepared ballot.

It was voted That there be two members elected to the Laymen's Council. Myron Clapp, Jr. and Fred Challet were nominated and elected.

In his report for the year, the clerk reported 9 baptisms, 1 new member, and 5 removals.

The following reports were presented and approved: The church treasurer, the church committee, the supt. of the church school, the church school treasurer, the woman's missionary union, the Pilgrim fellowship. Philip Clapp gave a report for the Cabinet. Mrs. Alta Clapp reported $160. was raised for the Red Cross. No report was given for Children's Aid organization. The pastor then gave his report.

After a discussion of a missionary study project, it was voted to appoint a committee, comprised of three members; the senior deacon, the president of the woman's union, and the superintendent of the church school to formulate such a program. Mr. Fiske, Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Pracy were thus appointed.

In place of a member at large on the Cabinet, it was voted to add the deacons and trustees of the church

On the retirement of Frank W. Blakesley, as deacon of the church for a period of 40 years, it was voted to make him an honorary deacon in recognition of his faithful and efficient service during this long period.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.30.

At Mr. Harter's suggestion, Mrs. Blakesley went to the piano and all joined hands in a circle and sang "Blest be the tie that binds".

Mabel T. Perkins, Clerk.

Special Meetings held during the year, 1952, following the morning services.

Mar. 30 A letter was read from the First Cong. Church in Chelsea recommending Mrs. Eleanor R. Scott for admission to the Westhampton church. It was voted to receive her as a member of our church.

On recommendation of the church committee it was also voted to receive into membership the following candidates – A. Lyman Snow, after baptism, Elizabeth J. Clapp, Christine A. Clapp, Barbara Delisle, Gale P. Miller, Mary Payson, Harland E. Lemery, Richard Wm. Tracy, and Louise Loud.

Mabel S. Perkins, Clerk

Apr. 27 At her request, it was voted to recommend Mrs. Lora B. Ewing to the fellowship of the Unitarian Church in Northampton.

Mr. Charles M. Norris and Miss Katherine Bingham were elected delegates to attend the meetings of the State Conference to be held in Worcester May 21–22.

Four delegates were also elected to attend the meetings of the Hampshire District Association to be held in South Hadley Falls May 4th. Mr. + Mrs. Myron Clapp, Sr.
Mr. + Mrs. Frank Munson

Mabel S. Perkins, Clerk

May 18 A brief church meeting was held to elect a delegate to attend the examination and installation of Mr. Charles Crist as pastor of the Williamsburg

church. Mr. Frank Blakesley was elected to attend this installation.

Mabel F. Perkins, Clerk

June 29 Immediately after the morning service a meeting was held to elect a delegate to represent our church at the examination for ordination of Mr. Ernest Bodenweber at Cummington the afternoon of the same date. In the absence of the pastor, the church clerk was elected to conduct the meeting. Mr. Charles M. Norris was elected as delegate to attend the meeting.

Mabel F. Perkins, Clerk

Oct. 26 A special meeting of the Westhampton Church was held following the morning service to elect 4 delegates to the fall meeting of the Hampden - Hampshire Associations to be held in Holyoke Sunday, Nov. 2. Mr. & Mrs. Philip Clapp, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Blakesley, and Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Helisle were nominated. Mr. & Mrs. Clapp withdrew, the other fours were elected.

The subject of the Church Building Loan Fund was discussed. Mr. Norris reported on the organization plans. Mr. Young reported the goal for the Nation was $4½ million, Massachusetts share to be $750,000. to which $250,000. is to be added for work in our own state.

To form the organization in our church, Mr. Philip G. Clapp was elected chairman, and Mrs. Enoch Perkins vice-chairman, pending her acceptance. Our share of this fund is about $1995.

Mabel T. Perkins, Clerk

January 1, 1953

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held Jan. 1, 1953. The meeting was opened at 2.30 p.m. Mr. Young, the moderator, asked Mr. Frank Blakeslee, one of our honorary deacons, to lead us in prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held Jan. 1 1952 were read and approved.

The election of officers followed:

Mabel T. Perkins, clerk for 1 year.

Philip J. Clapp, whose term of office as deacon expired, was re-elected deacon for 4 years.

Kathrine Bingham, treasurer of benevolences.

Members of the Church Committee for 1 year.

Charles M. Norris
Mrs. Roger W. Clapp
Donald Lyman
Harold Watts

Myron M. Clapp, Sr. and Fred E. Challet were re-elected to serve as representatives to the Laymen's Council.

An unsuccessful effort to secure nominations and elections to fill the positions of associate deacon and officers of the Church School resulted in the following votes:

It was voted to defer the election of an associate deacon and the church school officers for two weeks, a special meeting to be called for Sunday, January 18.

It was voted to elect a nominating committee of three members to prepare a list of

* Pending the elections on Jan 18th, Mr. Tracy agreed to continue as Supt of Ch. School for that time.

candidates for the office of associate deacon and officers of the church School to be presented at the meeting on Jan, 18, and that the same persons serve as a nominating committee to bring in a slate of officers for the annual elections January 1, 1954.

It was also voted to have a prepared ballot for our annual elections.

Myron Clapp, Sr., Mrs. Andrew J. Blow and Mrs. Ernest A. Pelisle were elected as nominating committee.

The following reports were presented and approved: The Clerk, Treasurer of benevolences, Woman's Missionary Union, treasurer's report of W. M. Union, Pilgrim Fellowship, Church Committee, Supt. of Church school, treasurer of Ch. sch., secretary of Ch. School The cabinet and The Laymen's council. The Pastor wished to add to his printed report an expression of appreciation and thanks to all those who have aided him in doing clerical work, with special mention of Mrs. Young during the year.

It was voted to purchase the New Revised Edition of The Bible for the children who were to receive one in June.

It was voted to raise $1500 for the Church Building Loan Fund over a period of two years, $500 for benevolences and as much more as ~~much more as~~ we are able.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Frank Blakesley for her loyal and faithful service as organist.

It was voted to lay on the table the motion that we have an installation of officers elected at the annual meeting. Respectfully submitted.

Mabel N. Perkins, Clerk

Special Meeting - January 18, 1953

A special meeting of the Church was called to order at 11.30, Jan. 18, 1953 by Mr. Young, pastor and moderator. Mr. Fiske suggested that, since the clerk was not in the room, Mrs. Donald B. Harter be appointed clerk of the meeting.

Mrs. Ernest Delisle was called upon to read the report of the nominating committee, of which she was chairman. It was moved and seconded that the report of the nominating committee be approved.

It was moved and seconded that the Clerk cast one ballot for the nominees. There was an objection to this procedure and the motion was lost. Ballots were passed out and votes cast.

While the ballots were being counted, Mr. Young asked if there were any further business. There was none.

The tellers, Harold Watts and Ralph Payson, reported that the list of officers had been elected as follows:

Supt. of Church School	- Richard Tracy
Assist. Supt.	- Ernest Delisle
Secretary	- Mary Hunt
Treasurer	- Louise Bridgman
Associate Deacon for two years	- Richard Tracy

The meeting was adjourned.

Polly B. Harter
Clerk of the meeting

Special Meetings held during the year 1953, following the morning services.

Mch. 22 A special meeting of the Church was held March 22 directly following the Sunday morning service. At the request of Roland H. Damon it was voted to grant him a transfer of membership to the Second Congregational Church in Westfield. It was also voted to admit to our fellowship the following candidates: Miss Bernice Cutter from the Hatfield Cong'l Church, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osbornes from the 2d Cong'l Church in Holyoke, and John Putnam on confession of faith.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mabel S. Perkins, Clerk

Apr. 26 A special meeting was held Sunday, April 26, following the morning service. At the request of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bridgman it was voted to grant them transfers of membership to the Congregational Church in Southampton.

Delegates were then elected to attend the annual spring meeting of the Hampshire Association to be held in Worthington Sunday, May 3. Mr. Young suggested that one person from a family be nominated instead of the usual Mr. + Mrs. in order that more families could be represented. Philip J. Norris, Richard Tracy, Ralph Payson and Miss Adah Judd were elected

as delegates to attend this meeting. The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,
Mabel F. Perkins, Clerk

Sept. 27 A special meeting was held Sept. 27 to act on a letter of dismissal for Mrs. Gertrude M. Beerpoth. It was voted to grant her a transfer of membership to the Florence Congregational Church in Northampton. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.
Mabel F. Perkins, Clerk.

Oct. 11 A special meeting was held Oct. 11 following the morning service to elect delegates to attend the joint meeting of the Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Associations, called the Pioneer Valley Congregational Convocation, to be held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst Sunday, Oct. 18.

The following were nominated and elected to attend this meeting - Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Flint, Mr. George Burt, and Mr. Percy Fuller, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned.
Mabel F. Perkins, Clerk

Dec. 13 A special meeting of the Church was held Sunday, Dec. 13, directly after the morning service.

At the request of Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Pastor of the First Cong'l Church in Northampton, it was voted to grant Audrey Lamon a transfer of membership to that Church.

A letter of resignation as chairman of the nominating committee to prepare a slate

of officers for the annual meeting of the Church Jan. 1 from Mrs. Rachel M. Delisle was read by the clerk. It was moved and seconded that her resignation be accepted. It was so voted.

Nominations were then in order to fill the office. Edward A. Montague was nominated but declined. Donald Lyman was then nominated. As there were no further nominations, Mr. Lyman was elected chairman of the nominating committee by vote of the Church although he was not present to express his wish in the matter.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mabel J. Perkins, Clerk

Dec. 27 A special meeting of the Church was held Sunday morning, Dec. 27 following the morning service. Mr. Young announced that Donald Lyman had declined to serve as chairman of the nominating committee, and in order for this committee to function it would be necessary to elect somone else to fill the office. Mr. Lyman's decision was accepted, and Charles M. Norris was nominated for the position. The nominations were closed, and by vote of the Church Mr. Norris was elected to serves as chairman of the nominating committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mabel J. Perkins, Clerk.

January 1, 1954

The Annual Meeting of the West-Hampton Congregational Church was held on Jan. 1
The Meeting was opened at 2:00 P.M., Rev. Young the Moderator asked Mr. Frank Blakesley to lead us in prayer.

The minutes of the Meeting held Jan 1 1953 were read and approved. Also the minutes of the seven (7) special meetings held during 1953 were read and approved.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1954:

Clerk:- Howard F. Loud
Deacon:- William M. Fiske 4 Years
Church Committee:- Alta Clapp, Harold Watts, Donald Lyman And Ralph Payson.
Supt. of Church School:- Ernest Melisle
Asst. Supt. Church School:- Dorothy Loud
Church School Sec:- Alice Clapp.
Church School Treas:- Frank Munson
Church Treasurer:- Miss Catherine Bingham
Laymens Representative:- M. M. Clapp Jr. And Fred Chellet
Associate Deacon:- Philip Morris. 2 yrs.
Social Action Committee:- Chas Morris, Philip Clapp And Esther Clapp.
Nominee to the General Council:- It was voted to lay this matter on the table until a later meeting.

It was voted to thank the Vacation School for the gift of vases to the Church.

It was voted to have the Associate Deacons meet with the Deacons at all of their meetings. The following Amendment was accepted and voted:- To set aside the rules and adopt this motion and that the words, "Associate Deacon" be added after the word Deacon in the Church Manual.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and voted that three (3) persons be chosen as a Social Action Committee whose duties shall be to be a point of liaison between the Church and the Social Action Council of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Mrs. Blow requested a discussion on having the Church School before Divine Worship and after much discussion it was voted to have the chair appoint a Committee of three (3) representing all concerns in the matter and report at a later meeting.

The following reports were read and approved:- Clerk, Treasurer of Benevolences, Women's Missionary Union, Treasurer of Missionary Union, Pilgrim Fellowship, Church Committee, Supt. of Church School, Treasurer of Church School, Secretary of Church School, The Laymen's Council and Mr. Morris gave a very good report on the Social Action Committee with the changes made during the past year.

The Rev. Mr. Gorey expressed great appreciation for the help he had received during the past year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M. Howard F. Ford Clerk.

Special Meeting Feb. 7, 1954

A special meeting of the Church was called after the morning service by the moderator.
Mr. Roger Clapp was elected a delegate to the Ecclesiastical Council for the installation of the new Pastor of the South Hadley Congregational Church to be held Feb. 10th

Howard F. Loud, Clerk.

Special Meeting March 25, 1954.

A special meeting of the Church was called after the morning service by the moderator.
The minutes of the Annual meeting held Jan. 1, 1954 and the Special meeting held Feb. 7 were read and approved.
A letter was read from the Granby Cong'l Church recommending Percy Fuller Jr. for admission to our Church. Also a letter from the Florence Cong'l Church recommending Claire R. Loud for admission to our Church. Both of these letters were accepted and voted into our membership.
A letter from Eleanor Scott Trueheart for dismission ~~was read and~~ to the Easthampton Cong'l Church was ~~voted~~ read and voted.

At the Annual Church Meeting on January 1, 1954, Mr. Young was authorized to appoint a committee of three to make a survey of the parents of Sunday School children with a view to changing the hour for the Sunday School services. Following is the report of the Committee:

It is recommended that Sunday School for all ages be held from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. and Church service from 11 to 12 A.M.

A survey has been made by the Committee ① as to practices followed in surrounding towns of similar size, and ② of all the parents involved in our own parish.

The majority of these small churches hold their Sunday services as recommended here.

The majority of parents would like to try this new system, starting as of April 4, 1954.

The Committee feels that having Sunday School before church would have advantages for both the teachers and the children. The teachers are willing to start at this earlier hour so that the children will be fresh and alert. The children would then attend church with their parents until the sermon when they would have for a planned program under supervision in the Primary Department. Children up through second grade would be welcome

to attend.

Under this system the teachers, children and parents are ready to go home at twelve o'clock.

One reason for recommending this change is to encourage both Sunday School and church attendance.

It is also hoped that this earlier time for Sunday School will bring forth more workers in the church school.

Choir rehearsal will still be held at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Blow

Sadie Montague

Polly Hawley

It was voted to elect a Committee to work with the pastor to prepare & make arrangements for observance of the 175th anniversary of the Church. The time and date to be decided by the Committee & pastor.

Elected to work with the pastor are as follows:-
Mr. William M. Fiske
Miss. Mabel Perkins
Mr. Charles Morris.

The Clerk read the report of the Church School Committee after which it was voted to have Church School at 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. and Church Service at 11:00 A.M. Easter Sunday to be excepted and services to be as previously. This change to be on a trial until Church School Closes in June for the summer.

Meeting adjourned by vote.-
Howard F. Lund
Clerk.

April 4, 1954

A special Meeting of the Church was called after Morning service by the Moderator to act on a request for letters of dismission from the Westhampton Cong'l Church to the Litchfield Cong'l Church of Litchfield Conn for Arlene (Flint) Buley and Wallace Buley. Those requests were voted.

Meeting adjourned
Howard F. Lund.

April 25, 1954

A special meeting was called at the close of the morning service by the moderator to elect delegates to represent the church at the annual meeting of the Hampshire Association to be held at the Southampton Congregational Church May 2, 1954.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris and Mr. & Mrs. Francis Loud were elected delegates.
Meeting adjourned

Howard F. Loud
Clerk.

May 23, 1954

A special meeting was called at the close of the morning service by the moderator.
Fred Challet was elected a delegate to the Ecclesiastical Council for the installation of Rev. Grover C. Bieger as pastor of the North Amherst church.

Chas Morris resigned as a member of the 175th committee and nominates Howard Loud who was elected to serve on this committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Howard F. Loud
Clerk.

You are cordially invited to attend the

One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

of the

Westhampton Congregational Church

on Sunday, the twenty-ninth of August

Nineteen hundred and fifty-four

Divine Worship at 10:30

Luncheon at 12:30

Afternoon Program at 2:00

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

of the

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

AUGUST 29, 1954

REV. ROBERT L. YOUNG
Minister

MRS. FRANK W. BLAKESLEY
Organist

Divine Worship 10:30 A.M.

Luncheon 12:30

Afternoon Program 2:00 P.M.

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

A Prelude Andante from Sonata in C minor *Rheinberger*

A Call to Worship

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*A Hymn of Praise No. 12 Now Thank We All Our God

Silent Prayer for The Peace of The World

Responsive Reading No. 600 God's Glory and Man's Dignity

*The Gloria Patri

The Old Testament Lesson 1st Chronicles 16: 7-13, 28-34

An Anthem The Heavens Are Telling *Haydn*

The New Testament Lesson Matthew 5: 38-48

The Call To Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you,
People: And with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us,
People: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Pastoral Prayer and choral Amen.

The Welcome

Recognition of Fifty Year Memberships

The Offering of Our Gifts
An Offertory Anthem God So Loved the World *Stainer*
The Dedication Prayer

The Hymn of Dedication No. 445
O Light, from Age to Age the Same (omit 4th)

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Robert I. Blakesley
"For Such a Time as This"

*The Closing Hymn No. 177 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Benediction

A Postlude In Retrospect *Mendelssohn*

*The asterisk indicates the congregation will stand. The service proceeds without announcement.

The floral decorations are given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Lyman Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Krug.

Luncheon — 12:30 P.M.

Prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

A Prelude O Savior Blest *J. S. Bach*

Informal Hymn Sing led by Mr. Harold Watts

Welcome Mr. William Fiske

Previous Pastors Introduced Howard F. Loud, Richard Tracy

Historical Sketch Charles M. Norris

Anthem Brother James' Air *Gordon Jacob*

Address Rev. Kenneth Beckwith

Closing Hymn No. 37 Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Benediction Rev. Robert L. Young

Postlude Reminiscence *Lawrence*

A Historical Exhibit is Upstairs in the Church.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The history of the Westhampton Congregational Church has been written several times for various occasions, one of special note being the 100th anniversary on September 3, 1879. This history was written by Dorus Clark, D.D. of Boston, a native of the town and a prominent divine. He told of the settlement of Rev. Enoch Hale as the first pastor in August 1779, and of his ordination on September 29th of that year. Dr. Clark wrote of Parson Hale as a most discreet man, one of the best counsellors he ever knew. Since the close of his pastorate in 1837. twenty-one ministers of the gospel have followed Parson Hale.

The first meeting-house was built on the present site in 1785, and was replaced in 1816 by a larger and finer one as the need grew for accommodations for the fast growing town. In February 1829 the church burned down but was replaced during the same year. The spire was not added until 1860. That building had one large room with galleries on the sides and rear. In 1883, during the pastorate of Rev. William C. Scofield, the church was extensively remodeled. The plan was substantially as it is now, with the southeast room downstairs being used for a public library. The small addition in the rear was added and a wood-burning furnace installed. Many hours of work were given by the people and more than $5000 was contributed. Mr. Scofield refused to have the remodeled building dedicated until all bills were paid. The parish committee decided to raise money by the sale of pews which were numbered and auctioned off according to number. Mr. Dwight Bridgman and Mr. Warner Bartlett bid $55.00 on the pew used by the Bridgman family for so many years. When the families grew too large for one pew, Mr. Bartlett took the one in front for his family.

In 1907, through the efforts of Mrs. Henry Ives and the generosity of Mr. Andrew Carnegie a pipe organ was secured. This organ is still in use, and the present organist, Mrs. Frank W. Blakesley, has presided for thirty-three years. In 1940 the church auditorium was painted, the old pupit restored to its place. The choir loft was improved by paneling and a sofa refinished to replace the pulpit chairs. The cost was about $1000.00 In 1947 the Woman's Missionary Union at the expense of $3000.00 made over the kitchen into a much more efficient unit. A gift of $1,625.00 from the estate of Miss Mina Wood of Northampton helped make this improvement possible. In 1950 a place

under the church was excavated by volunteer labor and the furnace moved from the vestry to this fireproofed room. Necessary improvements to the heating system cost $1,700.00. In 1952 and 1953 the vestibule and auditorium were again redecorated at a cost of $4000.00 from the Missionary Union and $628.00 in personal gifts. The walls and pews were painted, a new carpet was laid on the pulpit platform and the aisles. The floor was refinished and a new lighting system installed. The kerosene lamp that used to hang in the vestry was burnished and electrified and restored to its place. Our motto over the pulpit, "Draw Nigh to God and He Will Draw Nigh to You" has stood for many years, and was recently finished in gold leaf.

Deacon Edward H. Montague, who died in 1943, willed his home, the former Sylvester Judd homestead, to the parish for a parsonage. The place was renovated and redecorated and was first occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Whitmore E. Beardsley. Rev. Beardsley was pastor during World War II. In 1942 he became a chaplain in the army and because of the love and esteem in which he was held by the church, his letters of resignation were not accepted and he was granted a leave of absence. Mrs. Beardsley remained with us a part of the time when she could not be with him. He returned to us in 1946 and remained until April 1947.

We have had a flourishing church school since 1818, two women's societies until 1928 when they merged, the Lanman Mission Band for children formed in 1874 and a Christian Endeavor Society since 1886. It is now known as the Pilgrim Fellowship. Westhampton Church has always been a missionary church, having contributed generously to the work of the church throughout the world. Many missionaries went from here, beginning with Justin Edwards and continuing with the names of Bridgman, Clapp, Montague, Parsons, Orner and others. Our interim pastor during 1945, Rev. Emery Roberts, is now stationed in the Belgian Congo in Africa. Our church is the center of the community life. Church suppers and entertainments and other activities are held there both for the raising of money for our many projects and the entertainment of our townspeople, all of whom are invited regardless of their church affiliations. Our present pastor, Rev. Robert L. Young, came to us in 1950, and through his boundless energy has accomplished much for the advancement of the church both spiritually and materially. We press on.

MEMBERS WHO UNITED WITH OUR CHURCH FIFTY OR MORE YEARS AGO

Dwight S. Bridgman	1873
Mrs. Julia M. Edwards Montague	1877
Mrs. Susan M. Clapp Lyman	1882
Lewis A. Howard	1882
James R. Clapp	1884
Mrs. Edith T. Shaw Blakesley	1891
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Everett Clapp	1892
Mrs. Grace H. Kingsley Williams	1896
Harold W. Hooker	1896
George H. Knight	1897
Frank W. Blakesley	1898
Miss Adah M. Judd	1898
Heugh M. Bridgman	1899
Mrs. Ruth B. Bridgman	1900
Myron M. Clapp	1900
Charles G. Loud	1900
Mrs. Vera A. Chapman Clapp	1901
Mrs. Clara Bridgman Turner	1901
Miss Alma J. Bridgman	1901
Adelbert Elwell	1901
Delbert L. Judd	1901
Mrs. Minnie I. Howard Loud	1902
Ralph S. Bridgman	1904
Henry M. Parsons	1904

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The hymn boards are in memory of Mrs. Harriet Judd Orner, given by her family; Deacon and Mrs. Henry Miller Clapp and Mrs. Louise Clapp Norris, given by their families.

PASTORS

Rev. Enoch Hale	1779-1837
Rex. Horace B. Chapin	1829-1837
Rev. Amos Drury	1837-1841
Rev. David Coggin	1842-1852
Rev. Andrew Bigelow	1854-1855
Rev. Roswell Foster	1856-1858
Rev. Edwin C. Bissell	1859-1864
Rev. Thomas Allender	1866-1869
Rev. Pliny F. Barnard	1870-1873
Rev. Joseph Lanman	1874-1876
Rev. Edward S. Palmer	1876-1881
Rev. William C. Scofield	1881-1884
Rev. Alwin E. Todd	1886-1891
Rev. Arthur C. Townsend	1891-1899
Rev. W. Stanley Post	1900-1904
Rev. Henry S. Ives	1905-1917
Rev. John W. Norris	1917-1922
Rev. George A. Grant	1923-1931
Rev. Kenneth R. Teed	1931-1936
Rev. Whitmore E. Beardsley	1936-1947*
Rev. Walter E. Wyman	1947-1949
Rev. Robert L. Young	1950-

*Mrs. Beardsley did pastoral work during her husband's leave of absence in the Chaplaincy, and Rev. Emery Roberts was interim pastor in 1945.

CHURCH OFFICERS

CLERK: Howard F. Loud

TREASURER: Miss Kathrine Bingham

DEACONS: William M. Fiske, Philip J. Clapp, Charles R. Burt, Edward A. Montague

ASSOCIATE DEACONS: Philip J. Norris, Richard H. Tracy

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Ernest A. Delisle

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4 Milne Ave
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20th Aug. 54

Dear Adah.

A card came yesterday inviting me & the family to attend the 175th anniversary of the Westhampton Church & I hasten to reply so that the folks will know that we will be there with them in spirit if not in person.

The card took just a week to get here. If this letter is as quick you should get it before the doings begin.

I am writing to you because there was no name of the sender on the letter, so I do not know who the secretary is.

We send our heartiest congratulations & good wishes.

The first contact I made with the church was in the winter of 1914-1915. Arthur & I left Binghamton N.Y. where we were spending our first furlough, he to give an illustrated lecture in the Westhampton church & I to accompany him. Mr Ives was the minister, if I am not mistaken. It was a great thrill to me to go from Easthampton to Westhampton in a horse drawn sled, with a buffalo robe over us & hot soap stones at our feet. I have never forgotten it.

Our next furlough in 1921 we spent in Westhampton & we soon became closely identified

with the Church there & learned to love it. Mr Norris I think was the minister then.

Our next furlough in 1928 Mr. Grant prepared John & George to enter the church & they still have the Bibles that were given them then.

In 1937 when we again went to America we settled in Baton so Helen & Dorothy could go to High School but we visited Westhampton of course & became acquainted with Mr Beardsley & his lovely wife.

After this the war intervened & we did not get back to the U.S till 1948 but although we only stayed 6 months we did not fail to visit the Westhampton Church. Alas I have forgotten the young minister's name. I had a better memory in the old days & he & his wife were so charming to us! My best wishes to all the dear folks Dorothy E.O.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Miss Adah Judd.
R.F.D
Easthampton Mass.
U.S. America

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Sender's name and address :-

Mrs D.E. Orme
4 Milner Ave
Darlington
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Congregational Christian Church

WEBSTER † NEW YORK

RALPH HAROLD WINN *Minister*
475 WEIDEL ROAD

August 24, 1954

The Reverend Robert Young
The Congregational Church
Westhampton, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

As the minister of a very young church to the minister of a very old one, I want to send semi-official greetings on the occasion of the one hundred seventy fifth anniversary which you will be celebrating next Sunday.

It is not the season of the year for church meetings, so it is impossible to draw up a resounding resolution for the great event. I am certain, however, that everyone here would gladly joinme in expressing our warmest felicitations and spirit of fellowship toward this significant commemoration.

Westhampton has always held a tender spot in my heart. During twelve years in Hampshire Association I knew it to be a church with a genuine Christian point of view-----large in its beneficence and outreach. May the 29th be a glorious day in your parish.

Most cordially,

Ralph H. Winn

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340 S. RIDGEWOOD AVE.
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

August 20,1954.

The Anniversary Committee
Westhampton Church.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the invitation to us to attend your anniversary meeting on Sunday the 29th. It would be a joy to us if we could attend.

Westhampton Church is far down on the alphabetic list in the Hampshire Assn. but it stands high in the estimate of those who know what it is and what it has been.

It was in 1913 when we came to the County as minister-at-large and it was in the Westhampton area that our work began, at the West Farms Chaple. The Tent Mission had the strong pupport of both pastor and people.

During my time I preached in all the Cong'l churches and in nearly all Protestant churches in the County, but there was no pulpit I liked so much to be in as yours. Somehow we felt you loved us.

Our fondest greetings & good wishes,

Sincerely yours

Mr & Mrs Wightman

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175th Anniversary
Letters Received &
Newspaper Clippings, Etc.,

Westhampton Church Notes Its 175th Anniversary With Morning Service, Program

WESTHAMPTON — Successfully facing the complexities of the machine and atomic age requires that men build their lives on a spiritual, not a material foundation, the Rev. Robert L. Blakesley told 300 worshippers who filled the sanctuary of the Westhampton Congregational Church to capacity at the morning service Sunday, during the church's 175th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Blakesley, minister of the Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and son of Deacon Emeritus and Mrs. Frank W. Blakesley of Westhampton, urged all to reassess their contributions to bringing about a kingdom of heaven on earth.

"Life is a gift of God, a sacred trust," he said. "The motto of many today is ease, comfort, pleasure, doing as little as possible. giving only as much as is necessary to stay respectable."

To solve today's problems, he pointed out, one must go the "second mile" and give much more of himself than can reasonably be expected.

"Wanted today are men of faith who will dispel the paralyzing fears of our society," he said. "Such men are found only among those who are determined to make the most of life, to go farther, do more, live better than anyone has any right to expect, because they know that life belongs to God."

Dr. Blakesley urged full develojment of one's personal abilities, for the good of society and God's kingdom on earth.

As an example of what can be done, he cited the life of George Washington Carver, tracing his rise from humble, unpromising beginnings, to worldwide eminence as an agricultural scientist at Tuskegee Institute.

Dr. Blakesley pointed out the incredible fact that the 175 years of the Westhampton Congregational Church and the church throughout the world stem from the work of a band of only 11 dedicated men, Christ's disciples.

"This church in which we worship is greater than any one and will outlast all of us," he said. "Unshaken as the eternal hills which surround it, this edifice stands, a house not made with hands. It may be laughed at, criticized, scorned, or persecuted, but it will go on. It is of God."

As a guidepost of living, Dr. Blakesley quoted an unforgettable sentence of Katherine

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REV. ARNOLD M. KENSETH
SOUTH EAST STREET
AMHERST, MASS.

August 26, 1954

Dear Bob,

Just a word - though I fear a late one - to offer my congratulations and those of the South Amherst Church to you and to all the good people in the Westhampton Congregational Church who are celebrating 175 years of covenant with Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, with each other, and with a succession of ministers with the recent mantle falling upon your broad shoulders.

I know that this letter will arrive after the great day of celebration but may it serve to remind you that way up here in northern Quebec in a center of French Catholicism we are and will be thinking of you as the 175th anniversary is duly solemnized. In fact, even as I type, there is a Catholic novena going on in French over the local radio station; and as the priest intones the "Hail Mary" - I call to remembrance the blessed Reformers - Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and our own forefathers and, inddeed, our two Congregational Churches set also in a land of Romans. Long may we wave! that men may still enter churches to worship God unhampered by the

falsehood of veneration of saints, infallability, and the power of fear.

Might I add that we are in a large mining town set in the wilderness where for miles around lies what the natives call "the bush" - hundreds of square miles of pine and birch; moose, bear, and wildcat; and acres of blueberries.

Will tell all when we see you.

Blessings on everyone...

Sincerely,

Arnold

176 Magee St.
West Roxbury
Mass.

Westhampton Congr. Church.

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry not to be able to attend the service and festival. Enclosed is a small contribution, and I hope very much to attend a service at this church in the future.

Thanking you again for inviting my family and myself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Eunice Fisher DeSanto.

August 27, 1954.

Dear Mr Young,

I am very sorry I cannot be at the 175th anniversary of the West Hampton church. I believe my husband, Charles W. Welch was the speaker at the 150th anniversary!

With all good wishes for the continued success of the church, Cordially

Aug. 18th Evelyn Bridgeman Welch

7 Haase Ave.
Terryville, Conn.
Aug. 24, 1954.

Dear Friends of the
Westhampton Cong. Church.

Mrs. Metcalf and I, regret that we will not be able to be present at the 175th anniversary celebration of the church. It happens that our Terryville Cong. Church holds a farewell reception for our minister Robert W. Hoffman on the same day. He is leaving to go to Watertown, Mass, and we feel it our duty to be present. I have fond memo

of the old Westhampton Church and remember Rev. Todd & Rev. Townsend. My father Albert nearly every Sunday would hitch our horse to the carry-all and drive my Mother & Lillian, Grace, Roy, Wallace and myself from our Loudville home 3 miles to the church. If I remember correctly I united with its membership in 1892, at the age of 14 years. I think Mr. & Mrs. Frank Loud will remember me. I hope we can get up there some time in the near future.

With best wishes for your continued growth,

Sincerely Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Metcalf.

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whitmore e. beardsley
minister

9 June 1954

Miss Mabel K. Perkins
R.F.D.
Easthampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Perkins:

I can't tell you how thrilled we are over the coming 175th Anniversary of the Westhampton Church. Unfortunately, however, it will be impossible for us to be there and share with you in the celebration. It is too long and too expensive a journey for us, but you may be sure that we shall be there in spirit. I know that the next 175 years will be as rich in blessings and achievements as have been the years since Parson Hale first came to Westhampton.

You know, they often say that a minister makes the church but I am more inclined to put it the other way. Elsa and I often speak of how fortunate we were in coming to Westhampton as a young couple nearly 18 years ago. If my ministry during those years has been effective, a large share of the credit must go to the people of Westhampton. The old church will always have a very special place in our hearts. God was very good to us in giving us such a wonderful church.

You may be interested in our church out here. Hollywood, of course, is part of Los Angeles. L.A. is the most sprawling city I have ever seen, I believe that it is considered the largest city in the world as far as area is concerned. We are right on Hollywood Boulevard just two blocks from the famous Grauman's Chinese Theater. In fact we are the only church left standing on this "glamorous" boulevard. Thank heavens there is a church whose presence is a reminder of God to those who pass by.

Physically it is one of the loveliest and most adequate churches I have ever seen. Its architecture is Spanish Mission, gray with red tile roof, very attractive. It is unusual in its lay-out, consisting of three buildings grouped around a paved patio. There is the church itself, the sanctuary seating 320 and the balcony accomodating another 150. The church building also has a beautiful parlor, a fine downstairs dining-room and kitchen, five classrooms, and a fine pastor's study. Then there is the Lash Memorial Chapel, named for the first pastor, with a lovely chapel seating 90, the church offices (3), a small parlor and kitchen. Finally, there is Pilgrim Hall with a basketball court, shower and locker-rooms, kitchenette, ~~xxx~~ stage, and seven class-rooms. Out in the patio is an outdoor fireplace and picnic benches, and behind the church building a small play-ground for

the children.

The church is young, was organized in 1914, and the oldest of the buildings is 19 years old. The chapel was built in 1949 and the church was so completely remodeled in 1949 as to be considered new in 1949.

Elsa and I are enjoying our work out here...and there is a lot to do. The climate is agreeing with Johnny and he is in the best health ever. We have high hopes that his asthma will soon be a thing of the past.

Geographically, this is the most unusual section of America I have ever seen. You can reach either the mountains, the desert, or the ocean within a matter of two-hours driving at the most. I know we shall miss the fall foliage, always so glorious in Westhampton, but I think the flowers will compensate for the lack of autumn coloring. There are flowers everywhere and they grow the year around, just wonderful. I take my camera with me everywhere and have gotten some fine color pictures around here.

I must admit, though, that we miss the close personal touch we had in Westhampton. Our house is two miles from the church and I walk it almost every day...but seldom do I ever pass anyone on the street I know. One of these days, when Johnny's asthma is gone, I hope to serve a church in a suburb or small city where I can once again be in a position to know everyone and be known of them. There are those, of course, who long to live in the "big" city, but I shall never be one of them.

This is a very active church, however, and its many groups and organizations help to give us the personal touch we seek. The Women's Society has around 250 members and is divided in about 10 circles. Elsa has attended meetings at all the circles and I have spoken at several of the circle meetings. There are two couples clubs and we get to their meetings. Then there is a young adult group which meets on Sunday evenings, supper meetings, and I've attended most of their meetings. So you can see that we keep busy, what with those meetings and many committee meetings. In fact I had only five evenings in May when I could spend the evening at home.

Well, I guess the above will give you some idea of our situation here. We're having a good time, enjoying the people and the country, and the people are responding well to our leadership. And with that, I'll close. Please extend our regrets to the committee but be sure to give our very best wishes to everyone.

Sincerely,

Whitmore E. Beardsley

September 19, 1954.

A special Meeting of the Church was called after the morning service by the Moderator.

The following were nominated, accepted and voted separately: into Membership:—

Mrs. Lucy Inman, by letter, from The First Baptist Church of Agawam.

Bernice Warren by Baptism & Confession of Faith.

John Schumann pending letter of transfer or dismissal from the Lutheran Church of Easthampton. (Letter received)

The motion was made by M. M. Clapp Sr. to revert to the old time for Church service. The time being 10:30 to 11:30. This was seconded by Grant Bridgman. The motion was carried 15 to 7.

The motion was made by Robert Morris to revert to the old time for Sunday School. The time being 11:45 to 12:30. This was seconded by M. M. Clapp Sr. The motion was carried 12 to 9.

Howard F. Sand, Clerk.

October 3, 1954

A special Meeting of the Church was called after the Morning service by the Moderator.

Mr. Frank Kapsley was elected a delegate to the Ecclesiastical Council for the Installation of the Rev. Thayer Greene as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Amherst to be held on Oct. 3, 1954

The following were elected delegates to the Fall Association Meeting to be held in South Amherst Oct. 19, 1954:-

Lucy Inman
Henry Parsons
Mr. & Mrs Richard Tracy.

The following united with the Church on this date:-

Bernice Warren - By Confession of Faith & Baptism
John Schumann - By Letter
Lucy Inman - By Letter

The following Children were Baptized:-

Pamela Juliette Williams
Carolyn Jane Fuller
Richard Anthony Witherell
Merrill Lyn Beth Witherell

Howard F. Caird, Clerk.

October 31, 1954

A special Meeting of the Church was called after the Morning service by the Moderator.

Mr John Hathaway was elected a delegate to the Ecclesiastical Council for the Installation of the Rev. Arthur Rouner Jr. as pastor of the Congregational Church of Williamsburg to be held Nov. 7, 1954

Mrs. Lucy Inman was elected a delegate to the Ecclesiastical Council for the Ordination + Installation of Mr. Richard N. Bailey as pastor of the Congregational Church of Hadley to be held. Nov 29, 1954

Mr. Ernest Kelsie was elected a delegate to the Ecclesiastical Council for the Ordination of Mr. David King, (As Assistant Pastor of the First Congregational Church) of Amherst to be held Dec. 5, 1954.

Howard + Ford, Clerk.

January 1, 1955

The Annual Meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held Jan. 1.

The meeting was opened at 2:00 P. M. the moderator opened the meeting by everyone singing, "The Churchs One Foundation" followed by Prayer by Mr. Frank Blakesley

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and special meetings held in 1954 were read and approved.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1955:-

Clerk:- Howard Land
Deacon-4 yrs:- Fred Challes.
Church Committee:- Alta Clapp, Harold Watts, Ralph Payson and Donald Lyman.
Church Treas:- Miss Katherene Bingham
Supt. of Church School:- Dorothy Land
Asst. Supt. of Church School:- Ruth Blow
Sec. Church School:- Alice Clapp
Treas. Church School:- Frank Munson
Laymen Representative:- Percy Fuller Jr.; Edward Montague.
Assoc. Deacon-2 yr.:- Richard Tracy.
Nominating Committee:- Ernest Helisle, Polly Harter and Philip Clapp.
Social Action Committee:- Henry Parsons, Lydia Omasta and Esther Clapp.

The following reports were read, approved & placed on file:-

Clerk, Treas. of Benevolences, Womens Missionary Union, Treas. Missionary Union, Pilgrim Fellowship, Church Committee, Supt. of Church School, Treas. of Church School, Laymen's Council, Social Action Committee and pastors report.

These reports are kept on file by the Clerk as printed.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs Frank Blakesley for her faithful services as our organist.

It was voted to empower the Nominating Committee to fill any officer vacancy which might occur during 1955.

The names of Marion Coulo, Jeanette Gorgeon and Carol Gorgeon were removed, by vote, from the roll as of Jan. 1, 1955.

It was voted to accept the recommendation of the Church Committee regard uniting the Church and parish and that a Committee of three (3) be elected to work with the Parish Committee to determine the procedure to be taken and report at a future meeting.

The Committee elected are:-
Charles Burt, Philip Clapp and Howard Ford.

It was voted, on a trial basis, to empower the Pastor with the nominating Committee to choose all delegates to represent the Church at all Association meetings during 1955.

It was voted to empower the Nominating Committee to secure a Committee to put on the annual Harvest Supper

It was suggested that people volunteer to serve on this Committee.

A Motion was made and seconded to have Church School from 10:00 to 10:55 and Church from 11:00 to 12:00 this was defeated 9 to 8.

It was then voted to include a Post Card in the next Bell Tower to be sent all Church families regard voting for their Choice as to time of Church and Church School. The results to be a final vote on the issue

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Howard Lord, Clerk.

January 9, 1955

Rev. Robert Young read his resignation during Morning service, resignation to take effect as of May 2, 1955

Howard Lord, Clerk,

Westhampton Congregational Church

WESTHAMPTON, MASS.

ROBERT L. YOUNG, MINISTER

TELEPHONE EASTHAMPTON 473-M4

January 9, 1955.

To the Westhampton Congregational Church
Westhampton, Mass.

Greeting:

Having received a call from the First Church of Christ in Cornwall, Connecticut, to be their Pastor and Teacher, and having devoutly sought the guidance of the great Head of the Church, I have accepted their call and hereby submit my resignation as your Pastor and Teacher, to become effective May 2nd, 1955.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace in Christ Jesus,

Robert L. Young

Your minister is available for counsel and prayer at any hour of the day or night. He is pledged, by Ordination, to discretion and secrecy in any personal or sacred matters divulged to him.

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January 23, 1955

A special meeting of the church was called by the Moderator at the close of divine worship.

Charles Burt was elected Moderator Pro-Tem.

At her request Mrs. Lucille Parsons Osborn was given a letter of ~~dismission~~ transfer to Walden Methodist Church, Walden N.Y.

It was voted to accept the resignation of Rev. Robert Young.

It was voted to elect a Committee of five (5) from the church to work with a Committee from the Parish to secure a new pastor, the Committee elected are as follows:-

Betty Perkins, Edward Montague, Edmund Hunt, Francis Loud and David Clapp.

Claire R. Loud
Clerk, Pro-Tem.

The following memorial gifts are recorded in the Clerks book;-

Mr. Charles Morris, two silver Collection plates in memory of his wife Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams, two silver Collection plates in memory of their son Raymond Jr.

The Judd family. One hymn board in memory of Harriet Judd Orner.

The Clapp family. One hymn board in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller Clapp, Louise Morris and Myron M. Clapp Jr.

The Delisle family the silver Cross in memory of their mother and wife Marion.

March 20, 1955.

A special meeting of the church was called after the morning service by the moderator.

The following names of members were voted to be dropped:- these recommended by Church Committee,

Manola Blakesley Rogers
Shirley Bass
Edwin Frey
Marjory Payson.

On recommendation of the Church Committee it was voted to receive into membership the following Candidates:-

Charles Inman - by baptism & Confession of faith.
Janice Inman - by baptism & Confession of faith.
Jacqueline Westerberg - by Confession of faith
Marion Payson - by Confession of faith
Mrs. Marion Button - by letter of transfer.

A vote of thanks was given Rev. Young for his work in bringing the membership of our church up to date.

It was voted to accept an invitation to join in a "Greater Northampton Council of Churches."

Howard F. Lord, Clerk.

June 19, 1955

A special meeting of the Church was called at the close of the morning service by the Board of Deacons.

Mr. W. M. Fiske, Chairman of the Board of Deacons presided as Moderator.

It was voted to hold the Sunday Morning Church services at 10:00 during the summer and fall until the Sunday School re-commences in the fall, at which time the Church Service time to be 11:00.

Howard F. Lank, Clerk.

Sept. 25, 1955

During the morning service Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Fiske as Moderator read a request from Rev. Robert L Young for a letter of transfer to The First Church of Christ in Cornwall, Conn. The request was voted.

The following delegates were elected to represent this Church, for the year 1955-56, at the Northampton Council of Churches of which we are a member.

Delegates are:-

Harold Watts, (resigned), Philip Clapp, Sidney Montague and Richard Tracy.

Ann Tracy and Eugene Lemery were also elected to serve on the Youth Council Group of the same Council as delegates for 1955-56

Howard F. Lank, Clerk.

October 30, 1955

During Morning service it was voted to give a letter of Transfer to Dora Challet Meaner to the Colton Community Church in Colton, Calif.

Howard F. Lund

November 20, 1955

During Morning service Dorothy Lund was voted a delegate to the Northampton Council of Churches to replace Harold Watts who resigned.

Howard F. Lund.

December 19, 1955

A special Meeting of the Church was held in the Church vestry. Moderator was Mr. W. M Fiske Senior deacon. Mr. Frank Blakesley opened the meeting with prayer.

Edward Montague, Chairman of the Pastoral Committee, made a report and recommended Mr. Walter E. Racker of Hyannis Mass.

A Motion was made to accept the report of this Committee and the Church issued call to Mr. Racker to serve this Church as pastor. This was seconded. after which there was much discussion. A written ballot was taken result was Yes - 43 - No 5.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Committee for their time & effort put into securing a pastor.

Howard F. Lund Clerk.

WESTHAMPTON
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ROBERT L. YOUNG, MINISTER

R.F.D., EASTHAMPTON, MASS. • TELEPHONE: 473-M4

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DECEMBER 19, 1955.

REV. WALTER E. RACKER,
HYANNIS, MASS.

DEAR MR. RACKER:

As the clerk of the Westhampton Congregational Church, I am pleased to inform you that at a duly called meeting of our church, held December 19th, it was unanimously voted to extend to you a call to become the pastor of the church.

It was also voted to confirm the arrangements proposed to you by our Pastoral Committee as conditions of the call, these arrangements being $3600. salary per annum to be paid semi- monthly, with one (1) month vacation. It is understood the church is not to pay any of the Annunity Fund dues, but and allowance of $300. to be paid for your moving enpenses. It is further understood that this relationship may be terminated by a 60 day notice either by the minster or the church.

With keen anticipation of a successful pastorate, which I assure you is shared by all the members of the congregational.

Yours cordially,

Howard F. Sand.

CLERK

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 1955.

Your minister is available for counsel and prayer at any hour of the day or night. He is pledged, by Ordination, to discretion and secrecy in any personal or sacred matters divulged to him.

Congregational Church
Hyannis, Nebraska

26 December 1955

Mr. Howard F. Loud
Clerk, Congregational Church
Westhampton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Loud;

Received your most welcome letter yesterday. I will be happy to accept the call to serve The Westhampton Congregational Church. Will plan to hold first service 15 January 1956.

Looking forward to a lomg and fruitful ministry in your church, I remain

Your for Christ and His work
Rev. Walter E. Racker
Walter E. Racker

January 2, 1956

The annual meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held Jan. 2.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. William M. Fiske, Senior Deacon in the absence of a pastor, Deacon Philip Clapp opened the meeting by prayer

The minutes of the annual and special meetings were read and approved.

The report of the nominating committee was read and it was voted to have the Clerk cast one ballot for the following officers to serve in 1956

Clerk - Howard F. Loud
Deacon - 3 yr. - Henry Parsons
Deacon - 4 yr. - Charles Burt.
Church Committee :- Alta Clapp; Harold Watts; Ralph Payson
Donald Lyman
Church Treasurer :- Miss Katherine Bingham
Supt. Church School :- Dorothy Loud
Asst. Supt Church School :- Ruth Blow
Secretary Church School :- Louise Loud
Treas. Church School :- Jacqueline Westerberg.
Laymen Representative :- Edward Montague, Herbert Mascho
Assoc. Deacon - 2 yr. :- Philip Morris
Social Action :- Esther Clapp; Lydia Comasta and
Irving Clapp.
Nominating Committee :- Francis Loud, Miss Katherine
Bingham and Herbert Mascho.

It was voted to thank the nominating committee for a job well done in 1955.

The following reports were read, approved and placed on file: -

Treasurer of Benevolences; Women's Missionary Union; Treasurer Missionary Union; Pilgrim Fellowship; Church Committee; Supt. Church School; Treasurer Church School; Laymen's Council; Social Action Committee.

These reports are typed & stapled together and placed on file with past printed reports.

A motion was made, seconded and voted that one-quarter (1/4) of all missionary monies be given to the Church building fund until our commitment is fulfilled.

It was voted to authorize the clerk to write to Boston regard this matter.

A motion was made, seconded and voted that we, the members of the Westhampton Congregational Church in annual meeting assembled, do authorize Mr. Walter E. Packer to administer the sacraments.

A motion was made, seconded and voted that the Committee of three (3) elected Jan. 1, 1955 to make preliminary preparations for merging the Church and parish, be authorized to proceed to form a Church Corporation, this Committee to ~~work~~ confer with the three (3) parish trustees in this matter.

A motion was made, seconded & voted that the nominating

Committee (with the pastor name ex officio) delegates to represent the church during 1956.

A motion was made, seconded and voted that the nominating Committee secure a Committee to put on the Annual Harvest Supper.

The meeting closed by all singing "Blest be the tie that Binds". Mrs. Frank Blakeslee at the piano.

Meeting adjourning at 3:05 P.M.
Howard F. Sand, Clerk.

January 15, 1956
During morning service it was voted to give Thelma Scott Tucker a letter of transfer from Westhampton Congregational Church to the Providence Methodist Church of Easthampton.

Howard F. Sand - Clerk

March 29, 1956

The following were recommended by the Church Committee and deacons to become Church members:-

Betty - Anne Hunt
Martha Burt
Charles Loud
Cynthia Loud
Russell Payson
Frank Phillips
Kenneth Wood

The above united with the Church on Easter Sunday April 1st.

On Sunday May 13th the Clerk received a written resignation from Richard Tracy as Associate deacon. Resignation to take effect at once. This was turned over to the Moderator for his disposition.

June 3, 1956

A special meeting of the Church was called at the close of morning worship by the Moderator.

The following were elected delegates to the Northampton Council of Churches for the year 1956-1957.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Montague
Mr & Mrs. John ~~Conrad~~ Hathaway.

Delegates ~~to~~ to the Youth Council of the same body are:-

Richard Tracy Jr.
Charles Freeman

It was voted that our Church pay their share towards Rev. Billings who calls at the Hampshire County Sanitorium and Cooley Dickinson Hospital for the years 1955 + 1956 and 1956-1957. Our share to be .10 for each active member, this membership being 165.

It was also voted to have the Church hour of worship the same as last year, that is:-
Morning worship at 10:00 A.M. after Church School closes for the summer. In the fall when the Church School resumes classes the morning worship to be held at 11:00 A.M. and Church School at 10:00 A.M.

Howard F. Lord, Clerk.

June 17th 1956

As suggested at the close of morning worship congratulatory letters were sent to:-

Rev. Robert L. Young for receiving this M.A. degree
Rev Walter Wyman for receiving his M.A. degree.
Rev. and Mrs. W. Wightman on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, now living in Florida.

November 16, 1956

A special meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held in the Sanctuary at 8:00 P. M.

Mr. Packer, church moderator, asked that he be relieved from serving at this meeting Therefore Mr. William Fiske was duly elected to serve in this capacity.

Mr. Philip Clapp, Chairman of the Committee for Merging Church and parish made a detailed report for the Committee and presented the new by-laws One article at a time for discussion, after completion of the reading of them it was moved to vote on the complete set of By-Laws rather than one article at a time.

After very little discussion it was voted to accept the New By-Laws as Corrected There were 28 members present.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the present moderator, ~~Mr. Fiske~~, Clerk and treasurer be authorized to serve and sign the necessary Papers of Incorporation.

They being:-

Moderator; Wm. M. Fiske
Clerk; Howard F. Sand
Treasurer;- Philip J. Clapp.

As seven (7) Church members are required to sign a petition for Incorporation and agreement of Association Articles of Organization the following were nominated

and Unanimously elected:- as required by law They are to be known as Directors and organized as follows:-

Betty Perkins
Dorothy Laud, Clerk
Lucy Inman
Katherine Bingham, Treasurer.
Philip Clapp, moderator Director
Herbert Mascha, President. Director
Ernest Delisle. Director.

Meeting adjourned by vote at 10:15 P.M.

Howard F. Laud, Clerk.

November 25, 1956

At a special meeting called after church service, Philip Clapp as moderator, it was voted to empower the present nominating Committee to concur with the nominating Committee of the Parish in bringing in a slate of officers as required in the new By-Laws to serve the Church Corporation for next year.

Howard F. Laud, Clerk.

December 2, 1956

At the close of the morning service Mr. Walter Racker read a letter of resignation from his pastoral duties of this Church.

Resignation to be effective in 60 days as per his contract.

Howard F. Laud, Clerk.

December 1, 1956

Mr. Howard Loud
Clerk of the church
Westhampton, Mass.

Dear Howard,
This is to inform you that I hereby resign my pastoral duties at the Westhampton Congregational Church effective in sixty days. I am resigning in order to return to the ministry in the Midwest.

sincerely

Walter E. Racker

Walter E. Racker

December 9, 1956.
At the beginning of the morning service Mr. Racker announced, that after meeting with the Deacons last Sunday, this would be his last sermon and that a Church meeting would be held at the close of the service.

A special meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held at the close of the morning service. Mr. William Fiske, senior deacon acted as moderator. Mr. Fiske opened the meeting with a prayer.

It was moved and ~~voted~~ seconded that we accept the resignation of Mr. Walter Racker, to be effective as of to-day Dec. 9th.
This motion carried.

E. Challet Sec. E. Montague

A motion was made and seconded that the election of a Committee to secure a new pastor be with held until our annual meeting. Discussion pro and con followed.
This motion and second was withdrawn.

E. Montague Sec. E. Challet.

A motion was made and seconded to elect a Committee to secure a new pastor at a meeting to be called at the close of the morning service next Sunday Dec. 16th.
This motion carried.

C. Norris M. Fiske

A motion was made and seconded that the Church choose four (4) persons to serve with three (3) from the Parish ~~to~~ on a Committee to secure a new Pastor.
This motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to make nominations for a Committee at this meeting and be voted on Dec. 16th.
This motion carried.
The following were nominated.
Lucy Inman who declined
Marian Mascho who declined
Henry Parsons
Jacqueline Westerberg.
Herbert Mascho - nominated to be chairman
Sidney Montague.

nom. by C. Norris

A motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed. This was carried.

Meeting ~~Was~~ adjourned by vote at 12:15

Howard F. Lord, Clerk.

December 16, 1956

A special meeting of the Westhampton Congregational Church was held at the close of the morning service. Mr. William Fiske Senior Deacon acting as moderator.

Mr. Fiske asked Mr. Frank Blakeslee to open the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made and seconded ~~seconded~~ voted ~~that~~ the four names nominated ~~presented~~ at the meeting held Dec. 9th be elected to concur with three from the Parish to secure a new pastor. They being:

Henry Parsons
Jacquelyn Westerberg
Sidney Montague
Herbert Moscho, as chairman.

~~The motion was carried~~. Sidney Montague then declined to serve on this Committee.

Ann Tracy was then elected to serve in his place.

Mr. Philip Clopp informed the meeting that Atty. Andre informed him that our Church was Incorporated as of Dec. 7. Charter to follow

Meeting was adjourned by vote at 12:10 P. M.

Howard T. Lamb, Clerk.

Recapitulation of Statistics:-

Membership in Year Book Jan. 1, 1956			243
Members received by Confession of Faith	7		
Members received by Letter	2		
Total received		9	
Members Removed by Letter of dismission	2		
Members Removed by Death	6		
Total removed		8	
Total Members Gained		1	1
Church Membership list Corrected			2
Total Membership as of Jan. 1, 1957			246
Active Members Jan. 1, 1957		162	
Absent Members Jan. 1, 1957		84	
Baptisms during the Year 1956			12
Average Church attendence 1956			108

Delegates to Meeting within the Hampshire Association appointed by Nominating Committee 16

Harvest Supper Committee appointed by the Nominating Committee 10